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WAR NOT YET

DECLARATION BY CHINA & SOVIET

BOTH HESITATING

Japan Blamed For Allegedly Provoking Rupture

DIPLOMATIC TIES ENTRUSTED TO GERMANY

Two statements, side by side, indicate that neither side very much desires immediate hostilities. The conclusion, therefore, is that war is not imminent yet. Meanwhile, Japan has been blamed, more or less directly, for allegedly provoking the rupture between Russia and China, in order to advance her own interests. The two declarations referred to are:—

A member of the Chinese Government:—"Russia's reply is looked upon as a 'second breath.' Nothing serious is expected to come as a result of the severing, by the Soviet, of diplomatic relationship."

The official organ of Russia:—"...may compel the Soviet to take adequate measures in defence against possible attack. The nature of these measures depends on further developments and events."

Other items of interest are the failure of the British Government to obtain news "from the spot," the entrusting of diplomatic ties as between China and Russia to Germany and acceptance of same by the latter; and a report that there are 100,000 Russian troops near one point on the frontier.

STATEMENT IN COMMONS

Nanking, Last night.

The Chinese Foreign Office received this evening the text of the Soviet's reply—breaking off relations—to the Chinese Note sent in answer to Russia's three days' ultimatum.

This reply was sent immediately to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek who, of course, is head of the Party and Government and Commander-in-Chief of the fighting forces.

Chiang Kai-shek thereupon held a conference with Mr. Hu Han-min (head of the Legislative Yuan), Mr. Tai Chi-tao (head of the Examination Yuan) and Mr. Sun Fo (Minister of Railways).

Reply Expected

Subsequently Mr. Hu Han-min stated that the National Government is not perturbed as the tenor of Russia's reply had been anticipated and the reply itself was looked upon by China as a "second breath"; also that nothing serious is expected to come as a result of the severing of diplomatic relations.

Mr. Hu added that war between China and Russia was highly improbable but, as the result of recent conferences in Peking between Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and General Chang Hsueh-liang of Manchuria, the National Government is prepared for any developments.—Reuter.

Safety of Russian Lives

Moscow, Yesterday. The "Izvestia," an official publication, says that the rupture between Russia and China involves the question of the safety of many Russians living at the eastern frontier, which may compel the Soviet to take adequate measures in defence, against possible attacks by Chinese militarists and "White" Russians.

"The nature of these measures depends on further developments and events," adds the paper.—Reuter.

[It will be noticed—and emphasis should be laid on this—that the "Izvestia" uses the term "adequate measures" but qualifies it with "in defence," and blandly hints that defence will not become offence unless there are "further developments or events."]

Germans in Charge

Berlin, Yesterday. The German Government has agreed to take charge of Chinese interests in Russia and Russian interests in China, consequent on the withdrawal of direct diplomatic representation.

Berlin, Yesterday.

The possibility of warlike complications between China and Russia are scouted in diplomatic circles, who interpret Russia's move as the first step in a campaign of economic pressure, to make China more amenable to negotiations whereby Russia may obtain the maximum price for disinterestedness in the Manchurian railways.—Reuter.

"Conciliatory Bearing"

Shanghai, Yesterday. A report from Moscow through Chinese channels states that the Soviet authorities regard China's reply to the ultimatum, although not satisfactory, as having a conciliatory bearing.

The Soviet leaders express the hope that China's reply may be taken as a means to pave the way

for the peaceful settlement of the Sino-Russian impasse, the report adds.

Russia's Strength

The total of Soviet troops stationed at strategic points around Manchuria on the Manchurian frontier, is estimated at 100,000 men.—Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

Japan Blamed!

Shanghai, To-day. A suggestion from Berlin in regard to the Sino-Soviet impasse is discredited here.

The suggestion was that the rupture in railway communications between China and Russia is the result of economic pressure exerted on China.

It is pointed out that Russia and Japan have for years struggled very bitterly for Manchuria's freight traffic and that the closing of Russia's frontiers will divert freight to the Japanese-owned South Manchuria Railway, leaving the Siberian lines freightless.—Reuter.

[The South Manchuria Railway runs northward from the port of Dairen, which is close to both China and Japan, to Mukden and Changchun, through the most productive part of Manchuria. From Changchun, the Chinese Eastern Railway (jointly owned by China and Russia) runs northward to meet the trans-Siberian line, which has access to the sea only by way of Vladivostok.]

Sinister Rumours

Shanghai, Yesterday. In private Chinese circles, it is generally believed that the Manchurian authorities, headed by General Chang Hsueh-liang, have been encouraged by interested Japanese, who have allegedly secretly advised the young General to bring about a breach of relations between China and Russia, over the Chinese Eastern Railroad affair.

The Japanese, it is said by those who profess to know, are aware that the Chinese will make the Manchurian question their principal problem in foreign relations this decade and that, in order to afford China no chance whatever to interfere with the present Japanese policy in Manchuria, Japan must influence the present Manchurian administration so as to create a situation which will enable the Japanese to have a free hand while China has her hand full over her difficulty with the Soviet.

Busy Defending

Shanghai, Yesterday. The provinces of Kirin and Heilung-kiang in Manchuria are busy organising for defence against possible Soviet invasion and have already despatched men and provisions to the frontier, some 300 cars having left several days ago.

Chu Shao-yang, a Chinese authority on Soviet affairs, has been instructed by Nanking to visit Harbin, thence to Moscow if possible, to negotiate with the Soviet.

Chinese official circles are still hopeful that the present misunderstanding may be removed without resorting to arms.

Majority Against Crisis

There is doubt that a majority of Chinese leaders in Nanking is heartily in accord with General Chang Hsueh-liang of Manchuria in the action taken, which has led

OPIUM IN PUMPKIN

ANOTHER CUNNING DEVICE DISCOVERED

FUTILE INGENUITY

Yet another cunning device for smuggling opium into the Colony has been discovered by Revenue Officers.

When a Chinese was this morning charged before Mr. F. W. Hamilton, at the Central Magistracy, with the unlawful possession of 34 taels of prepared non-Government opium, an extra large pumpkin was produced in Court.

A small piece had been cut out in the centre of the vegetable, the heart was scooped out, the opium stuffed in the hollow, and the cut piece carefully replaced. The ingenious smuggler was arrested coming off a wharf carrying the pumpkin on his shoulder.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$6,000 or twelve months' jail, and ordered the confiscation of the opium.

YUNNAN TROUBLE

NO FIGHTING IN CITY, SAYS NANKING?

AGGRESSORS UNITE

Shanghai, Yesterday. The National Government has not confirmed a report that serious fighting has occurred in Yunnan, but admits that there has been an explosion of an ammunition store.—Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

Canton, Yesterday. A report reaching Canton indicates that a number of Commanders in Yunnan have joined against Lung Yun, the Chairman (recognised by Nanking) of the Provincial Government.—Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

U.S. TRAIN DISASTER

PLUNGES THROUGH BRIDGE INTO RAGING TORRENT

8 KILLED: 20 INJURED

Denver, Yesterday. Eight persons were killed and 20 injured by a west-bound passenger train plunging through a wooden bridge early this morning and falling into a raging torrent.—Reuter.

DIPLOMATIC POSTS

FREE STATE MINISTERS TO FRANCE AND GERMANY

London, Yesterday. It is officially announced in Dublin that Count Gerald O'Kelly and Professor D. A. Binchy have been appointed Free State Ministers to France and Germany respectively.—Reuter.

KWANGTUNG CONSERVANCY

Shanghai, Yesterday. Ten appointees, including Messrs. Koo Ying-fun, Hu Han-min, General Chan Ming-shu, Sun Fo, General Chan Chai-tong, have been selected by the National Government to act on the Supervisory Committee of River Conservancy Works of Kwangtung.—Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

INCENDIARISM?

A small fire occurred at 4 o'clock this morning in the cockpit of No. 35, Nam Cheung-street, Shamshuipo. According to a report made to Police Headquarters by Sub-Inspector Hoare, the place is believed to have been deliberately set alight by an inmate of the house named Tse Fo (33), who is stated to be insane.

The fire was quickly extinguished by the Fire Brigade and Police, and Tse Fo was found lying unconscious on the cockpit, having apparently been overcome by the smoke.

SUSPECTED RABIES

A dog belonging to Mr. Eca, No. 34, Nathan-road, Kowloon, broke loose yesterday afternoon and attacked a Chinese boy, who was severely bitten. The animal afterwards wandered about for an hour before it was traced and shot by the Police. As tables is suspected, the carcass was taken to the Bacteriological Institute for examination. The boy had his injuries treated at the Kowloon Hospital.

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RUSSIAN STEAMER

HITS MINE

S.S. "VOLGA"

17 PASSENGERS AND 14 OF CREW DROWNED

S.O.S. SENT OUT

Bucharest, Yesterday. The Russian steamer "Volga" has sent out an "S.O.S." to the effect that she has struck a floating mine and is sinking.

Seventeen passengers and 14 of the crew have been drowned.—Reuter.

"SCHOOL-LEAVING"

THE AGE INCREASED TO FIFTEEN YEARS

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

London, Yesterday. Sir Charles Trevelyan (Minister of Education) announced that the Government had carefully considered the most suitable date for raising the school-leaving age of children to 15. The decision was finally reached to raise the school age as from April 1 and education authorities and professional bodies were to meet him with a view to consultation and co-operation.—British Wireless Service.

NEW SCHOOL

OPENED BY H.R.H. IN LONDON

FOR TROPICAL MEDICINE

London, Yesterday. The Prince of Wales to-day opened the palatial building of the new School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, near the British Museum. The building cost £500,000, which was largely defrayed by the Rockefeller Foundation.—Reuter.

HOME BREAD

SUBSTANTIAL RISE IN PRICE ANTICIPATED

"DROUGHT" ONE OF CAUSES

London, Yesterday. A substantial rise in the price of bread is anticipated as the result of the increase in wheat prices, by £1 per quarter since May 31.

The rise is attributed to drought in Canada, the Argentina and elsewhere, plus speculation in the American markets.—Reuter.

NO SIBERIAN MAIL

In view of the uncertainty of the situation in Manchuria no mails are being forwarded via Siberia until further notice. Superfluous correspondence intended for to-day's Siberian mail (a.s. "Matwa") will be sent via Suez by a.s. Khiva tomorrow.

THE "SVERIGE"

ANNOUNCED TO HAVE MADE ANOTHER "HOP"

OFF TO LABRADOR

Ivigt (Greenland), Yesterday. The aeroplane "Sverige" has left for Labrador.—Reuter.

LIFE SAVING

MORE K.O.S.B. PASSES AT EXAMINATION

TRAINED AGAINST TIME

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PROGRESS BEING MAINTAINED

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COMMONS "FATHER"

"TAY PAY" HONOURED BY HIS COLLEAGUES

AN ANNUITY

London, Yesterday. Mr. T. P. O'Connor, "Father" of the House of Commons, was the recipient this afternoon of a deed annuity of the capital value of £10,000 which has been subscribed by his friends and colleagues in both Houses.

The ceremony, which took place on the terrace of the House of Parliament, was presided over by the Prime Minister, who made the presentation and the speakers included Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Mr. Lloyd George and Lord Birkenhead.

The capital will, upon Mr. O'Connor's death, be used to found a scholarship.

Mr. O'Connor, who has been a member of the Commons since 1885, is 81 years old. He is still engaged in journalistic work.—British Wireless Service.

SQUALLY LATER

This morning's weather report states: Between noon and 5 p.m. yesterday the track of the typhoon altered from N. to W.N.W. It probably crossed Northern Formosa with a greatly increased velocity and has entered the coast of the south of Foochow this morning.

Cable communication is interrupted and no returns are available from Northern stations.

Forecast:—S. W. winds, fresh; fine at first, cloudy and squally with rain later.

MEERUT TRIAL

RESUMED AMIDST NOISY REVOLUTIONARY CRIES

EVIDENCE LED

Allahabad, Yesterday. The resumption of the Meerut conspiracy trial was marked by a renewal of noisy, revolutionary cries and the singing of the Communist "Anthem" by the accused. The magistrate rejected counsel for the defence's objection to the jurisdiction of the Court.

Evidence was given of a seizure of a mass of documents at some of the accused's homes, including a pamphlet exhorting Communists in India to oppose "Congress and Gandhi's ideas of passive resistance and work with irreconcilable strength for the expulsion of imperialists from India."—Reuter.

NO ASYLUM

WHY TROTSKY CANNOT LAND IN ENGLAND

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WHAT "WINSTON"

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"SHARP DUEL"

THE PRIME MINISTER & NAVAL PROGRAMME

MILD "BREEZE"

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons, a sharp duel between Mr. Churchill and Mr. MacDonald arose out of a question regarding the Naval Programme.

Mr. Churchill had requested that parliament should have an opportunity of expressing its opinion before any important decision reversing the Naval Programme were taken.

Mr. MacDonald: "Certainly not. The Government will take just the ordinary powers of a government regarding the matter" (Labourite Cheers).

Mr. Churchill asked: "Is a grave decision on the question being withheld until parliament separates?"

The Prime Minister warmly retorted "that is a most unworthy suggestion." He added that he was doing his utmost to get negotiations to the point to enable a statement to be made before the House rose. "If it is impossible I cannot do it."—Reuter.

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CANTON ITEMS

EXTENSION OF WIRELESS SERVICE

HIGH OFFICIALS' RETURN

Canton, Yesterday. Steps are being taken to expand the scope of the Tai Ping wireless receiving office in order to meet the increasing volume of private traffic. The time for receiving messages for despatch between Hong Kong (or Shanghai) and Canton has been extended. New powerful apparatus has been ordered from Hong Kong, specially to connect with Shanghai so that messages to and from that port will be expedited within the shortest time.

Chairman General Chan Ming-shu, H.E. Mr. Chu Chang-nien and other high officials have returned from Hong Kong by the gunboat "Chungshan," arriving at 2 a.m. to-day.

It will be recalled that a fortnight ago four girl students in the Municipal Hospital committed suicide together, each leaving a letter to parents wherein reasons were given for their act. The letters referred to the management of the hospital. In an interview with Pressmen, the Mayor, Mr. Lam Wan-ko, said that a thorough investigation into the causes and circumstances of the suicide was being conducted.

The public is showing confidence in the new bank notes, as indicated by to-day's quotation namely, bankers buying at 96.5 and selling at 97.5.—Canton News Agency.

Anti-Red Precautions

Canton, To-day. Since the reported renewal of activities by extremists in South China, the police authorities in Canton, Wuchow, Nanking, and other important cities have exercised extraordinary precautions to preserve peace and order. Visitors to these ports and guests in hotels are being subjected to close watch and inspection.

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KRAKATAU

GREATEST EXPLOSION ON RECORD

INTERESTING SPECULATIONS

"A.H.C." writes in the Yellow Dragon, the organ of Queen's College:—

Krakatau was just one of those small islands in the Pacific, like so many others, which had once been active volcanoes but had now apparently settled down into quiescence—a chimney which had ceased to smoke—till one fine morning in 1883 fresh volcanic activities started in the old crater. And then without too much preliminary warning there followed the greatest explosion on record since humanity arrived on this planet.

"On August 26 (1883) a succession of paroxysmal explosions began which lasted till the morning of the 28th. The four most violent took place on the morning of the 27th. The whole of the Northern and lower portion of the island of Krakatau, lying within the original crater ring of prehistoric times, was blown away; the Northern part of the Cone of Rakata almost entirely disappeared, leaving a vertical cliff which laid bare the inner structure of the volcano. The amount of material discharged during the two days of paroxysmal energy was enormous, though there are no satisfactory data for even approximately estimating it. A large cavity was formed where the island had previously stood, and the sea bottom around this Crater was covered with a wide and thick sheet of fragmentary materials. Some of the surrounding islands received such a thick accumulation of ejected stones and dust as to bury their forests and greatly to increase the area of the land. So much was the sea filled up that a number of new islands rose above its level. But a vast body of the fine dust was carried far and wide by aerial currents, while the floating pumice was transported for many hundreds of miles on the surface of the ocean. At Batavia 100 miles from the centre of the eruption, the sky was darkened by the quantity of ashes borne across it and lamps had to be used in the houses at mid-day. The darkness even reached as far as Bandoner, a distance of nearly 150 miles. It was computed that the column of stones, dust, and ashes projected from the volcano shot up into the air for a height of seventeen miles or more. The finer particles coming into the higher layers of the atmosphere were diffused over a large part of the surface of the earth, and showed their presence by the brilliant sunset glows to which they gave rise" (Encyc. Brit. article, "Krakatau").

About 9 square miles of the old island of Krakatau had disappeared. The explosion left the remaining part of Krakatau covered in a mass of ash, pumice and glowing cinders to a depth varying between 90 ft. and 200 ft. Verlaten island was made about twice its former size and was covered in ash to depths, in some parts, of more than 100 ft.

On Krakatau itself, so far as is known, every living thing, animal and plant, was destroyed. It seems impossible that even earthworms and tree-roots which were buried deep in the ground, could have survived. The island thus affords one of those unique opportunities in biological history—the chance of studying the nature and history of plant and animal succession on a new-born island. Man was not directly present to interfere with Nature's arrangements. The nearest lands, Java and Sumatra, were many miles away; Batavia, for instance, being about as far from Krakatau as Canton is from Hong Kong.

Which classes of plants and animals will be most likely to reach such an island? What mechanisms in animal or plant will enable them to pass over great stretches of sea? Or what devices of plant or animal have been most useful and most successful in securing their survival in this way? If an island were to appear out in the Pacific Ocean 1,000 miles from anywhere, what species of animals and plants would inhabit it? Would it have a distinct flora and fauna of its own, or would it partake of a continental flora and fauna? And if so which? Would the flora resemble that of any one Continent more than another? Or would it have a quota from each?

We have such a group in the Hawaiian Islands and they are extraordinarily interesting. But unfortunately they were inhabited by man long before historical records survive; and we don't know where he came from; or which animal or plant he brought with him to the islands. But in Krakatau we have a unique experimentation in process of unfolding. Every vestige of vegetation and animal life was absolutely destroyed. What animals or plants might we expect to find there—bird, fish, or reptile? Would there be any snails or earthworms?

There is now a dense tropical forest on the island. Birds and other animals are there in abundance. There are specimens on the island of wide variety in the animal kingdom—mammals, such as bats and rats; reptiles, such as lizards and snakes; snails, scorpions, worms; and of course an abundance of insects; and birds covering about 28 families and nearly fifty species. The early plant arrivals were mostly such plants as have their seeds or spores carried by the wind or ocean currents.

Even now on the shore the fruits of *Barringtonia*, *Cerbera*, *Cinnamomum*, and other palms can be found in abundance. Those plants whose seeds are carried by fruit-eating birds arrived later. Epiphytic plants, lianas and various climbers and creepers are now abundant, so much so indeed that many of the big casuarina trees and others are being choked and killed by climbers.

There is, as far as I know, only one cyead on the island, and this is of especial interest. In the cyeads the sexes are separate, and the plant is a mate: so that there will be no more cyeads on the island unless another seed which produces a female plant arrives on the spot. This seems to point to the mistake which nature made in trying the equivalent of sex in animals in the plant kingdom. Sex as a reproductive system in plants is more or less of a failure. Where there is distinct sex there needs to be locomotion.

There are other aspects in which Krakatau presents deep interest. The volcanologist, seismologist and geologist all find it deeply fascinating. Will the physicist of the future be able to harness its immense power as nature has now harnessed the atomic disintegration of the sun? Will he find that this apparently haphazard wantonness of energy has a periodicity of its own which may be calculated and foreseen just as an eclipse now is?

For it must be remembered that in the past eclipses were just as mysterious and terrifying as volcanoes and earthquakes are now, and the Zerkels of antiquity took them as omens of the final collapse of all things (the sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood before that great and terrible day of the Lord come).

But in the future may not the study of these phenomena elicit not only a periodicity but a utility which may turn them into our servants and bring them under the control of man? They may indeed be in league with those curious bodies, the sun spots, and thus in some way affect our weather conditions. But as yet we can hardly say that because Krakatau was active this year and that we have had a severe drought in Hong Kong that there must have been a more severe drought in Hong Kong in 1883 when Krakatau had its worst eruption. Nor can we satisfactorily conclude that in 1975 both Krakatau and Hong Kong will be in severe straits again.

If we could co-ordinate the kindred mysteries and say as his notaries said of Michael Scott: "Him listed his magic wand to wave, The bells would ring in Notre Dame!" we or our descendants would have accomplished much. Some writers have thought that wars and revolutions, those great tides of the human spirit, were due to atmospheric conditions. The restless journalist of Mowbray House once suggested that wars were due to weather conditions. And some have even suggested that such vents as Krakatau are among the great safety valves of nature; that, were it not that these little eruptions occurred, we might look forward to one of those great cataclysmal destructions, continental in its extent, worldwide in its effects, which would wipe out not merely plant life but mind and consciousness thus annihilating our solar system and us together.

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MOTOR FATALITY

CHINESE DRIVER CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER

STORY OF AN EYE-WITNESS

As the result of a motor accident in Nathan-road on July 5 in which a Chinese pedestrian was killed the Chinese driver of a six-wheel Ford motor lorry was charged with manslaughter before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith.

The case for the Crown was conducted by Mr. L. R. Andrews whilst Mr. H. J. Armstrong was for the defence. A watching brief on behalf of the deceased's relatives was held by Mr. M. K. Lo.

Mr. Andrews said that the accident occurred at the junction of Nathan and Waterloo-roads. Evidence would be given to the effect that after the lorry struck the deceased it carried him about two or three yards and then passed over him coming to a halt about eight yards further on. Another lorry was in front and there was a conflict of evidence as to whether it gave a signal that it was going to turn into Waterloo-road or whether it motioned the defendant to pass. The defendants lorry was stated to be going at an excessive speed and charged across the road and hit the deceased who was on the pavement at the time.

Extent of Injuries

Dr. J. E. Dovey, said that he held a post mortem examination and found that six left ribs had been fractured. From the marks it appeared that deceased had been crushed between two objects. He did not think the wheels went over the body, but that it had been dragged along the ground.

Sergeant's Version
Evidence as an eye-witness was given by Q.M.S. W. J. Chidgey, Somerset L.I., who was waiting for a bus outside President Apartments at the time of the accident. He saw a large lorry speed up to pass a smaller one. After it had got clear the driver of the bigger lorry appeared to lose control and the vehicle swerved to the side of the road.

The front wheels hit the kerb and the lorry was hurled into the air. He fell either on the back of his neck or on his head and the wheels of the lorry appeared to pass over him. The case was adjourned.

FOSSILS IN ASIA

ROY CHAPMAN ANDREWS' EXPEDITION

Peking, Yesterday.
Mr. Roy Chapman Andrews stated to-day that the fact that the Cultural Association of Peking had prevented his expedition going to Mongolia this year to complete eight years' scientific work there, would not stop their scientific work in Asia.

The Cultural Association had sought to impose conditions which were unacceptable to any scientific institution in the world. However, fossils such as they sought probably existed in other parts of the Central Asian plateau, and he hoped in a few years the expedition would be working for the benefit of the world of science in other parts of that plateau.—Reuter.

NEW EXPLOSIVE

CANADIAN OFFICIALS HIDE SECRET

The "Mail and Empire" published this dispatch from Kingston, Ontario:—
"The secret of a new explosive, said to be more effective than any previously known to science, is being zealously guarded by the department of national defence.

"After extensive trials at Petawawa camp, artillery officials here refused absolutely to disclose details of its discovery. The matter is secret and confidential," they said.

"The trials at the artillery camp were witnessed by experts from the department of national defence and experts in the manufacture of explosives.

"The officials absolutely declined to give the name of the substance, nor would they say to what particular use it might be put. They refused to give the name of the discoverer. It was indicated that it was the work of a Canadian.

"Hon. J. L. Ralston, Minister of National Defence, is absent from Ottawa and no other member of his department would discuss the matter when an attempt was made to get information from the capital."

BY AIR TO INDIA

AMERICAN BANKER'S FAST TRIP

Calcutta, July 9.
Mr. W. J. Manning of the National City Bank of New York, reached Calcutta to-day, 18 days after leaving New York. He sailed by the "Majestic" on June 24, and arrived at Cherbourg on June 27. Three days later he caught the Imperial Airways aeroplane at Genoa and landed at Karachi on Saturday. He completed the journey to Calcutta by train.

In an interview, Mr. Manning said the air journey was most comfortable. Once its possibilities were realised business men were bound to use it.—Strait Times.

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In its wider extent, the impasse between China and Russia has, naturally, occupied the attention of most of the world's leading capitals. Much has passed along the cables and radio, but news from Hong Kong, at the very door of China, one of the parties concerned, must surely be welcome.

In the local sphere, the water problem again occupies pride of place. There is the bursting of the tank with alarming consequences (with pictures) and the new legislation to make those with meters pay more than they have done.

A local steamer, with more than 700 souls aboard, has gone ashore. A full report appears in the "Overland," in which will be found pictures of a well-known harbour launch foundering.

Other items include the Investiture of recipients of King's Birthday honours, by H.E. the Governor, the murder of a Hong Kong Indian Policeman; deaths of respected residents of the Colony; and, particularly for the information of the shipping community, the amalgamation of the Seamen's Institute (hitherto under the Missions to Seamen) and the Sailors' Home (conducted by a board of trustees).

The "China Mail's" special art supplement is given away free with the "Overland," which has other pictures as well. Be sure to get your copy.

In the whirl of a trying Hong Kong summer rendered all the more unbearable by the acute shortage of water, letters to relatives and friends in other parts of the world frequently find it difficult to write even by the most ardent correspondents. It is a kindly thought, therefore, to ensure that those away from the Colony, or folks at Home, should have an unfailing supply of Hong Kong and China news every week—by means of a subscription to the "Overland China Mail."

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LORD KYLSANT'S BELIEF IN THE INDUSTRY

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The Rt. Hon. Lord Kilsant, G.C.M.G. (chairman), who presided over the annual meeting of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, Ltd., said:—
"Since last we met, we have lost an old and valued colleague by the death of Mr. J. W. Clark, who has been connected with the company for close upon half a century. Mr. Clark was general manager of the company for 11 years, and became a director in 1922. Mr. Clark devoted practically a lifetime of faithful service to the company, and I personally, and my colleagues on the court of directors, will miss his ripe experience and sound judgment."

In September next, this company will celebrate the 90 anniversary of its incorporation by Royal Charter granted by Queen Victoria in 1839, so that the company has been in existence for nearly 90 years, so that the company's world-wide organisation the present year is one of more than ordinary interest.

For several generations the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company has been closely associated with the great republics of South America, and from which its vessels have conveyed mails, passengers, and cargo for an unbroken period of nearly 90 years, so that in the progressive development of Anglo-South American trade our company has played a vitally important part.

This is the 7th annual meeting over which I have had the honour to preside as your chairman.

Since the early years of the present century the ramifications of the company have been gradually extended, until to-day the Royal Mail and its associated shipping companies own the largest mercantile fleet in the world, the vessels of which traverse practically every sea, and are engaged in carrying mails, passengers and merchandise to and from all corners of the earth. In this connection the embodiment of the motto "Per mare ubique" in the coat-of-arms recently granted to the company by the College of Arms and graciously authorised on behalf of His Majesty the King, is appropriate.

Accounts
The accounts, which have been in your hands for some days, set out the position clearly, and it is unnecessary for me to deal in detail with the individual items.

The results for the year 1928 reflect the difficulties with which British shipping still has to contend, including the continuance not only of high costs of operation, but of intensified competition in the South American trade, particularly on the part of foreign lines. After providing for taxation, Debenture interest, and Preference dividends, we recommend the payment of a dividend on the ordinary stock of which, with the interim dividend already paid, will make a total distribution for the year of five per cent. less income tax, the same as for the previous year.

You may have observed that the auditor has mentioned in his report that the provision for depreciation of the fleet during the year under review was at a lower rate than hitherto. During past years we have been able to reduce the book value of our fleet to such an extent that it was found possible to maintain the average of five per cent. depreciation per annum without making so large a provision during 1928 as we have done in most years in the past. The total sum written off the fleet, including the depreciation provided for 1928, amounts to more than five per cent. per annum on the original cost. I am sure that you will agree that this provision is adequate, particularly in view of the fact that the rate of depreciation for ships which is considered sufficient by the Board of Inland Revenue is only four per cent. on the prime cost. As evidence of the adequacy of our provision for depreciation, I may mention that prices considerably in excess of their book values have been obtained for the two vessels sold since the close of the year.

You may also have noticed the auditor's comment regarding the company's investments in allied shipping companies. In most cases, the allied shipping companies in which we hold ordinary shares are either entirely owned or controlled by this company. These shares are therefore not quoted on the Stock Exchange, and

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their value is what they are worth to this company. You will notice from the balance-sheet that these investments are under cost, and I can supplement this by saying that they also stand in the company's books at less than their full nominal value. The reserve fund remains at £1,450,000, whilst the insurance fund now stands at £1,311,713.

Last year I referred to the acquisition of the White Star Line, by the purchase of the share capital of the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company, Limited, through which, in addition to the position occupied by the White Star Line on the North Atlantic route, we are enabled to resume our old association of very many years' standing with the Australasian trade. These Australasian interests have since been substantially augmented by the acquisition last year, through White Star Line, Limited, of nearly the whole of the balance of the ordinary share capital of Shaw Savill and Albion Company Limited, and the purchase of the Australian Commonwealth Line of Steamers, with its fleet of seven modern vessels. The various services in which the company is engaged were fully and regularly maintained throughout the past year.

Passenger Traffic
During 1928 there was no marked variation in the volume of first and second class passenger traffic to and from South America, ports, but by our intermediate service from Liverpool we secured satisfactory complements of passengers. The total volume of emigrant traffic to and from South America does not show much fluctuation from year to year.

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As you know, competition for passengers in the South American trade has, for some years, been exceptionally severe, and shows little sign of diminution. Whereas, prior to the war, passengers travelling to and from South America were practically restricted in their choice to British or German vessels, large and fast vessels of several nationalities have since been placed on this route, and in great or less measure, these foreign shipping companies receive support at the hands of their respective Governments.

Our fine passenger vessels of over 22,000 gross register tons each, "Alcantara" and "Asturias," and the other "A" vessels of our mail fleet, continue to be popular with the South American travelling public, but we realise the necessity of continually keeping fully abreast of modern requirements as regards both the size and speed of our passenger vessels in order to maintain the premier position in the trade that we have held for so long. We intend to lay down shortly one new passenger vessel (or possibly two) for four South American mail service which, in speed and equipment, will uphold the traditions of this old company in the South American trade. Last year I referred to the five new motor passenger ships which our associated company, the Nelson Line, had under construction. Three of these vessels are now in service, whilst the other two are well on the way towards completion. These five new vessels are particularly designed to cater for the class of passenger amongst whom the old Nelson liners were so popular, and those that are already in commission are attracting good complements of passengers.

Cruising
We have continued to arrange a series of pleasure cruises by our specially-equipped cruising vessels "Arcadian" and "Araguaya" which have been well supported whilst early this year the "Asturias" made a six weeks' cruise to the West Indies, which was much appreciated by the touring public. Apart from special cruises, there are a number of people amongst whom pleasure or health voyages by ocean passenger liner are increasingly popular, and as the scenic and other attractions of the great South American Continent become ever more widely known and appreciated, a greater number of such tourists than formerly are likely to turn their attention in that direction.

Rio de Janeiro, the magnificent capital city of Brazil, with its wonderful harbour and beautiful setting, Buenos Ayres, the largest city in the Southern Hemisphere and the sixth in magnitude among the cities of the world, with its modern and imposing architecture, and the great estuary of the River Plate, in addition to the attractions of many other ports and places on the eastern seaboard of South America, should draw an increasing number of visitors each year. For those able to go further afield, the cities of Chile and Peru can be visited by the passenger vessels of our associated company, the Pacific Steam Navigation Company, which was incorporated by Royal Charter in 1842, or by the modern railways crossing the Andes from Buenos Ayres.

General Cargo Improvement
The total tonnage of general cargo carried outwards by our vessels to South America showed some improvement over the previous year. Homewards a slight decrease in volume has to be recorded as compared with 1927, but this is largely accounted for by the company's vessels having conveyed a lesser proportion of low-rated cargo. On the other hand, our homeward carryings of the better classes of general cargo improved.

We have, as you know, taken a prominent part in the development of the North Pacific coast service, in conjunction with our friends, the Holland America Line. Last year's apple crop on the North Pacific seaboard was an exceptionally good one, and large quantities were available for export. In addition to our regular service, we despatched a number of fully-insulated vessels to supplement our regular service, which vessels, I am pleased to say, secured full cargoes.

Maintenance of Fleet
As in past years, particular attention has been paid to keeping the units of our fleet in first-rate condition. The steamers "Cardiganhire" and "Carnarvonshire" which were no longer suited to the company's requirements, have been sold for whaling purposes, whilst the "Teviot" was disposed of for breaking up. The company's fleet now comprises forty-two vessels, of 32,958 tons, whilst the fleets of our associated shipping companies aggregate 2,337,736 tons, making a total of 2,370,692 tons gross register, excluding ships now under construction.

During 1928, the vessels of this fleet have traversed over 20,000,000 miles, made nearly 79,000 calls at various ports in the world, and carried nearly 1,500,000 passengers, and just under 16,000,000 tons of cargo. The average number of men employed daily on the ships was over 23,000, and the average daily number employed on shore was nearly 23,000. These are interesting figures, and show the great scope of the company's business and connections.

(To be Continued.)

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Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "Benalder" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after July 20.

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EMPERESS OF FRANCE	July 31	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	Aug. 17	Aug. 17
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Aug. 21	Aug. 24	Aug. 27	Aug. 29	Sept. 9
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Sept. 4	Sept. 7	Sept. 10	Sept. 12	Sept. 21
EMPERESS OF FRANCE	Sept. 25	Sept. 28	Oct. 1	Oct. 3	Oct. 12
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Oct. 9	Oct. 12	Oct. 15	Oct. 17	Oct. 26
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Oct. 30	Nov. 2	Nov. 5	Nov. 7	Nov. 16
EMPERESS OF CANADA	Nov. 13	Nov. 16	Nov. 19	Nov. 21	Nov. 30
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Nov. 27	Nov. 30	Dec. 3	Dec. 5	Dec. 14
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Dec. 18	Dec. 21	Dec. 24	Dec. 26	Jan. 4
EMPERESS OF CANADA	Jan. 15	Jan. 18	Jan. 21	Jan. 23	Feb. 1
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Feb. 5	Feb. 8	Feb. 11	Feb. 13	Feb. 22
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Feb. 26	Mar. 1	Mar. 4	Mar. 6	Mar. 15
EMPERESS OF CANADA	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 20	Mar. 29

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Leave	Arrive	Leave	Arrive
Hong Kong	Manila	Manila	Hong Kong
July 23	July 25	EMPERESS OF FRANCE	July 26
Aug. 13	Aug. 15	EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Aug. 16

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JULY

SUN. 21st WED. 31st

FRI. 26th

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SHIPPING DISPUTE

LORDLY BROTHERS REFUSE TO SPEAK

R.M.S.P. DISPUTE

London, Yesterday.

Baron Kilsant and Viscount St. Davids met to-day at a meeting in the Cannon Street Hotel of Royal Mail Steam Packet debenture holders, which was largely attended in view of the dispute between the two brothers.

It was noticed they did not greet each other and did not exchange a word throughout the meeting.

A resolution was passed appointing the Midland Bank Executor and Trustee Company, Limited, as trustee for the second debenture stock, replacing the Duke of Abercorn, who resigned, as he explained, because an arrangement whereby a director acted as trustee for the debenture holders might be open to criticism.—Reuter.

Official confirmation is promised.

WARSHIPS HERE

The following are the warships at present in harbour:—

At the North Basin:—H.M.S. "Tamar," "Tarantula" and L19.

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In Dock:—H.M.S. "Cicala," "Sterling" and "Stormcloud."

Foreign Man-of-War U.S.S. Gunboat "Mindanao."

EGYPTIAN DUES

REDUCTION OF 40 PER CENT.

Following the representations made by the industry, the Chamber of Shipping is advised that a reduction of 40 per cent. has been made in the light dues at ports in the Egyptian Administration, and came into effect recently.

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S. S.	Tons	From Hong Kong About	Destination
*KHYA	9,135	20th July	Marseilles, Casablanca, & London.
*ALIPORE	5,273	20th July	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
*KHYBER	9,114	3rd Aug.	M'selles, Casablanca, Lden & Hull.
*KIDDERPORE	5,334	15th Aug.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
MALWA	10,980	17th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KASHMIR	8,985	31st Aug.	Marseilles, London & Hull.

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TILAWA	10,000	24th July	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
SIRDHANA	7,745	29th July	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKLAWA	3,013	3rd Aug.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TALMA	7,236	11th Aug.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
DALGOMA	10,000	27th Aug.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKADA	5,553	1st Sept.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
	6,949	5th Sept.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

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*ARAFURA	6,000	2nd Aug.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island.
TANDA	6,958	30th Aug.	Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	4th Sept.	
ARAFURA	6,000	1st Nov.	
TANDA	6,958	29th Nov.	

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TAKLAWA	7,936	22nd July	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KASHMIR	8,985	2nd Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALMA	10,000	2nd Aug.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Y'ham & Osaka.
*SHEAFMOUNT	6,958	4th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*NOWHERA	6,958	6th Aug.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
DALGOMA	7,936	8th Aug.	Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
MOREA	10,053	16th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKADA	6,949	16th Aug.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KARNALA	9,128	30th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*NACPORE	6,281	1st Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*MIRZAPORE	6,715	2nd Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	10th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ALIPORE	5,273	11th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.

*Cargo only.

All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice.
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France and London (under arrange-
ment) will be transhipped at
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Sailing. The Contents and Value
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For further Particulars, Apply
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Hong Kong, 17th July, 1929.

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From LEITH, MIDDLESBRO',
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The Steamship, "BENALDER"

Consignees of Cargo are hereby in-
formed that all Goods are being land-
ed at their risk in the Godowns
and/or extra hazardous Godowns of
The Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf
and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or
from the wharves delivery may be ob-
tained.

No claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godown, and all
Goods remaining undelivered after
the 29th inst. will be subject to rent.
All claims against the steam r must
be presented to the undersigned on or
before the 3rd August, 1929, or they
will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged
Goods are to be left in the Godowns,
where they will be examined on the
19th inst., at 10 a.m., by Messrs.
Goddard and Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effect-
ed.
Bills of Lading will be countersign-
ed by:
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wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded
unless notice to the contrary be given
before 16th instant.

No claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godown, and all
Goods remaining undelivered after
the 22nd inst. will be subject to rent.
All claims against the vessel must be
presented to the undersigned on or
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ed.
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HONG KONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been
obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting
Machine, which includes 400 compo-
nents for the better prediction of tides
from the result of the analysis of the
tidal observations, taken at the Kow-
loon tidal observatory under the
direction of Dr. Dohereck during the
years 1887, 1888 and 1889.
The time and height may be given for
Kowloon; but they may be used for
the Victoria Naval Yard and Aberdeen,
the differences being very small.
The times of high and low water
must not be considered to coincide
with the times of slack-water and
change of current, the two phenomena
being quite distinct.

July 19 to 25, 1929.

July 19 to 25, 1929.				
Date	HIGH WATER		LOWER WATER	
	Standard Time	Ht.	Standard Time	Ht.
19	7 30	6.6	10 45	3.5
20	10 1	6.7	8 45	4.0
20	6 45	6.9	10 30	3.8
21	10 45	6.5	1 30	3.7
21	6 30	7.1	10 30	3.5
22	11 15	5.9	4 15	3.5
22	7 45	7.3	10 30	3.3
23	11 30	5.7	4 30	3.4
23	9 30	7.4	10 30	3.3
24	10 0	6.5	5 15	3.4
24	10 15	6.8	8 30	3.5
25	10 15	7.0	8 00	3.6
25	10 30	6.9	8 45	3.7
25	10 45	7.1	8 30	3.7

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Destination	Steamer	Sailing
T'au via S'ow & S'hai	CHAKSANG	Sun., 21st July at Noon
T'au via S'ow & S'hai	KWANGSANG	Wed., 24th July at Noon
T'au via S'ow & S'hai	KWONGSANG	Sun., 28th July at Noon
T'au via S'ow & S'hai	POOSHING	Wed., 31st July at Noon
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	NAMSANG	Wed., 24th July at 10 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	YUENSANG	Thurs., 1st Aug. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	SUISANG	Fri., 16th Aug. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	KUMSANG	Fri., 23rd Aug. at 7 a.m.
S'pore, Penang & Calcutta	HOSANG	Sat., 20th July at 3 p.m.
S'pore, Penang & Calcutta	KUTSANG	Mon., 22nd July at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Tues., 23rd July at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Tues., 23rd July at 3 p.m.
Tientsin	CHIPSANG	Sun., 28th July at 10 a.m.

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THE "THOMAS HOLT"

At Birkenhead, recently Messrs.
Cammell Laird and Co., Ltd., launch-
ed the steel screw steamer "Thomas
Holt," the second of two ships built
by them for Messrs. John Holt and
Co. (Liverpool), Ltd. The "Thomas
Holt" is intended for the regular
service between the Mersey and West
African ports. She is of 2,650 tons,
length 120 ft., breadth 36 ft., moulded
depth 46 ft., and depth moulded 47
ft. 6 in. Her estimated speed on trial
is 10½ knots.

Among those present were Mr. W.
L. Hichens (chairman), Mr. R. S.
Johnson (Birkenhead managing direc-
tor), and a number of officials re-
presenting Messrs. Cammell Laird and
Co., while Messrs. John Holt and Co.
(Liverpool), Ltd., were re-
presented by Mr. Robert L. Holt
(managing director), Messrs. John
Holt, Messrs. Thomas G. Holt, John
A. Holt, William Holt, Louis Holt,
J. G. Holt, and A. Bett.

Mr. Hichens presided over the pro-
ceedings following the launch, and in
proposing "Success to the Thomas
Holt," said his firm's association with
Messrs. Holt and Co. was not purely
a business association from their point
of view, and he might also say from
Messrs. Holt and Co.'s point of view.
It was an association of mutual con-
fidence and regard—(hear, hear)—
and that, he believed, was the ideal in
business. They did not always get it
these days, but when they did they
wanted to retain it.

Duty to the Community
Mr. Hichens then referred to the
part played by Mr. Holt in the develop-
ment of the Commonwealth Trust
Co., which combined missionary work
with business in West Africa. He
admired the principles and the
activities of Mr. Holt, and he was
glad that he did not come to the Mersey
because he thought he could get the
cheapest ship—although he might
have thought he could get the best
ship and value for his money, and he
was quite right—but because to him
there was something more important,
and that was his duty to the com-
munity as he saw it.

Mr. Holt had a keen sense of the
responsibility of giving work, if it
was possible, in the Mersey-side dis-
trict, and in doing that he had proved
himself to be a broad-minded and
charitable citizen. He had wished
there were more like him in the
district, and he thought that the
consequence of Mr. Holt's action,
as far as they were concerned, was
that because of the confidence that he
had placed in them they were laying
themselves out to do the very best
possible for him, and it was a point
of honour with them that he should get
the best job that expert shipbuilders
could carry out. He thought that
with Mr. Johnson at the head of
Cammell Laird's yard, Mr. Holt and
his firm might be perfectly satisfied
that they would get the very best ship
that human brains and skill could
make for them. (Hear, hear.)

Long and Distinguished Career
It was a singular pleasure to him to
propose the toast of success to the
firm of Messrs. John Holt and Co.
(Liverpool), Ltd. They had had a
long and distinguished career in the
past, but he hoped and believed that
it would be more distinguished in the
future, and even longer, because as a
result, he hoped that they would want
more ships, and would come to Messrs.
Cammell Laird for them. If they, as a
shipbuilding firm, did their best for
them he believed they would come again.
(Applause.)

Mr. Holt, responding to the toast Mr.
Robert L. Holt said that their
negotiations and their association with
the builders up to date had been of
the most friendly nature. It was
true that Mr. Johnson refused to have
any agreement with him. (Laughter.)
He was very glad that he fell in
with Mr. Johnson's wishes because
everything he asked from him now he
got—(renewed laughter)—and he was
sure that if he had had a fast agree-
ment they would have been haggling
over the worth of extras. (Re-
newed laughter.) He thought when
people drew up agreements and tied
themselves down to hard and fast
clauses there was no confidence what-
ever between the two parties, and that
they mistrusted each other.

Prince George opened the new
club house of the Metropolitan
Police Athletic Association at Im-
perial Court, Thames Ditton, on June
11.

South Harrow and Roxeth
(L.N.E.R.) Station, Middlesex, is to
be renamed Northolt Park.

Peter James Morgan, an electri-
cal engineer, of Bellamy-street,
Belham, S.W., was burned by com-
ing into contact with a live wire at
Peckham, S.E., and was taken to
hospital in a dangerous condition.

A tent to accommodate 3,000 people
was in use at the Kingston, Here-
fordshire, Hospital eisteddfod.

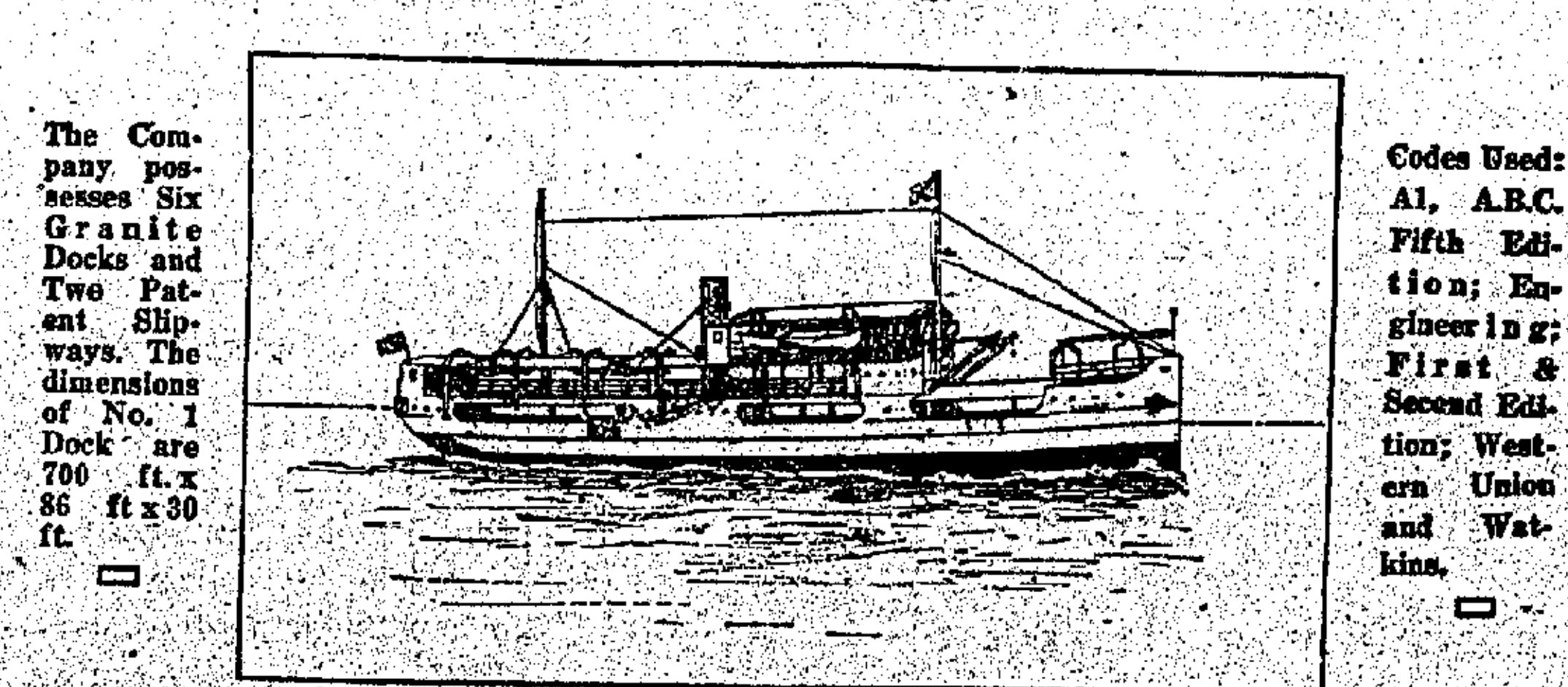
An Austrian named Heinz Zac-
zekbottom, who started at Vienna
an attempt at 72 hours continuous
dancing, had danced for 46 hours
"but was showing signs of weak-
ness."

The Royal Mausoleum at Frog-
more is under repair and will not
be opened to the public this year.

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Pres. Madison Tues., Aug. 27, 3 p.m. Pres. Cleveland Tues., Aug. 20, 3 p.m.
Pres. Jackson Tues., Sept. 10, 3 p.m. Pres. Pierce Tues., Sept. 3, 3 p.m.

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Pres. Wilson Sun., Aug. 11, 8 a.m. Pres. Polk Sun., Sept. 22, 8 a.m.
Pres. V. Buren Sun., Aug. 25, 8 a.m. Pres. Adams Sun., Oct. 6, 6 p.m.

TO MANILA

Pres. Jefferson July 20, 6 p.m. Pres. Cleveland Aug. 13, 6 p.m.
Pres. Grant July 30, 6 p.m. Pres. Madison Aug. 17, 6 p.m.
Pres. Lincoln Aug. 3, 6 p.m. Pres. Pierce Aug. 27, 6 p.m.

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"TAY PAY"

The graceful action of his colleagues in both Houses of Parliament, in presenting the Rt. Hon. T. P. O'Connor (popularly known throughout the world as "Tay Pay") with an annuity—reference to which will be found in our telegraphic news service in another part of this issue—will be very heartily and generally approved. "Tay Pay" is the "Father" of the House of Commons, a distinction which he has held for several years. This veteran Parliamentarian and journalist is now eighty-one years old and appears to be hale and hearty and as fit as the proverbial fiddle, in spite of the fact that he has been actively engaged in journalism—the most exhausting of professions—since 1867 and has been continuously a Member of Parliament since 1885, when he was first returned for the Scotland Division of Liverpool, and which constituency he still represents. Even before 1885 "Tay Pay" had become an M.P., for he first entered the House of Commons as member for Galway as far back as 1880—forty-nine years ago! It says much for "Tay Pay's" mental and physical vigour that he is to-day still "going strong."

"Tay Pay," who is a typical Irishman, was born in Athlone in 1848. After being educated at Queen's College, Galway, he (62 years ago) entered upon the turbulent sea of journalism, and with much credit has managed to keep his barque (or himself) afloat ever since. As a matter of fact "Tay Pay" is one of the most distinguished of London journalists, who to this day gets through an immense amount of work of a very high quality. It was he, of course, who many years ago founded "T.H.'s Weekly," to which he contributed many brilliant articles of a distinctly literary flavour, which were and still are greatly admired. "Tay Pay," as a writer, is a stylist—and one of the best. He is also a raconteur of considerable note, and he is perhaps at his best nowadays when he is narrating, in breezy biographical manner, incidents of men and manners of a past generation in which he himself frequently participated. His regular contributions of this sort to the London "Sunday Times" are deservedly popular. "Tay Pay," who is very versatile, also excels as a writer of obituary biography, as may be frequently observed in the columns of the London "Daily Telegraph." He still edits "T.P.'s Weekly and Cassell's Journal." Years ago he was actively engaged on the "Star," the "Sun," the "Weekly Sun," and "M.A.P."—all of which publications he founded and edited and which, in their day, had large circulations in London and elsewhere.

As a Parliamentarian "Tay Pay," though very useful, has never been a really prominent Member of the House of Commons. However, he has achieved the distinction of becoming that august Chamber's "Father," and that he is highly respected and popular among his Parliamentary colleagues is evident by the latest honour just paid to him. It was melancholy to read that recently "Tay Pay" made his appearance in the House wheeled in an invalid's chair. But the bright spirit is still dominant and his many friends and admirers will hope that for "Tay Pay," the brilliant journalist and "Father"

of the House of Commons, there may yet be many "happy returns" of the day upon which he first entered the portals of Parliament, when Disraeli and Gladstone were the mighty gladiators of Great Britain's political arena.

One case of diphtheria and one of enteric fever were notified yesterday. Both were Chinese.

Cargo from the "Lok Sun" is being sold by auction to-morrow by Messrs. Lammet Brothers.

The furniture of the Instone Bank is being sold by auction by Messrs. Lammet Brothers on Monday.

A gymnastic display by boys of the Central British School, Kowloon, was given yesterday afternoon under the supervision of Sergeant Mills.

A Chinese boy died at the Government Civil Hospital this morning from head injured received through falling down the stairs of his home, No. 83, Praya East.

Dr. J. W. Anderson, Alexandra Buildings, has passed the examination for the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons (Edinburgh), entitling him to the letters F.R.C.S.E.

Before Mr. T. W. H. Hosegood, Assistant Harbour Master, at the Marine Court this morning, two mistresses of junks were fined \$5 each for anchoring their crafts in Causeway Bay without permission.

The engagement has been announced between Miss R. I. Potter, Nursing Sister of Tai Ping Hospital, late of Hong Kong, and Mr. F. P. Godfrey, of the Forest Department, Tai Ping.

As entertainment is to be given on the roof of the European Y.M.C.A. on Thursday when, on behalf of the members, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., will bid farewell to Mr. P. Sands, M.A., assistant secretary, who is shortly leaving for Home. Members and their friends will be present at a special dinner prior to the concert.

Whilst at work in a building which was being demolished in Morrison Hill-road, a Chinese coolie woman was yesterday struck on the head by a plank which dropped from the first floor of the house. She was immediately removed to the Government Civil Hospital, where she died at 5.10 this morning from a fractured skull.

The timely action of an employee of the Queen's Theatre in checking the fall of a window from the side of the gallery, averted an accident yesterday which might have caused injury to some passers-by. The incident occurred just after the 5.10 show, when cinema patrons heard the noise of glass shattering as the widow came in contact with the parapet. A gust of wind was blowing at the time, but fortunately the widow itself was saved from falling into the street.

ROUND THE CINEMAS

FUN AND THRILLS IN WILLIAM HAINES' LATEST

"EXCESS BAGGAGE"

Although William Haines has a different role to play in his latest hit "Excess Baggage," showing to-day and to-morrow at the Queen's Theatre, he still displays his comical mannerisms to the full in the role of a clown-artist, who is in love with "Elsa McCoy (Josephine Dunn) one of "Dunn's Dancing Dames."

William Haines, no doubt, is a clever trickster, as he is seen juggling, catching balls thrown at him with a fork in his mouth, and walking the tight rope, from stage to the roof and sliding down backwards.

The last act he can do if his wife (Josephine Dunn) is watching and cheering him.

Having big ideas Haines joins the Orpheum Theatre, but his wife is taken from him by D'Errio (Ricardo Cortez) to be a screen star.

His tight rope walk proves a failure, and he joins the Palace Theatre.

One night as he completes his rope walk to the roof, he sees his wife in the audience, and he does his "back slide" right into her arms.

Others of note in the cast are Neely Edwards, Kathleen Clifford, and Greta Granstedt.

A British Gazette and a Charley Chase Comedy are also screened.

SWEEP CASE

ACCUSED COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Kuala Lumpur, July 4.
Lim Thean Heek, a clerk in the Monopolies office, Kuala Lumpur, who is charged with criminal breach of trust in respect of \$34,808, the proceeds of a winning sweep ticket in the Selangor Turf Club, belonging to a Chinese woman of Chow Kit Road, Kuala Lumpur, was to-day committed for trial at the next assizes—Straits Times.

COUNCIL QUERIES

BROADCASTING, MALARIA & VEHICULAR FERRY

GOVERNMENT'S REPLIES

Local broadcasting, the projected vehicular ferry and anti-malaria measures were the topics concerned in a series of questions asked by an Unofficial member, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, at the Legislative Council's meeting yesterday. The Government's replies are given with the queries.

Vehicular Ferry

Question:—Is the Government in a position to inform this Council whether there is a possibility of arrangements being made in the near future for a vehicular ferry across the harbour?

Reply:—The Government has received proposals from certain companies and parties interested in the formation of a vehicular ferry service across the harbour, but no definite arrangements have yet been concluded. The construction of the necessary wharfage and ferry-steamers will in any case preclude the possibility of inaugurating such a service in the near future.

WATER SUPPLY HOURS

Victoria and high level districts:—

6 a.m. to 8 a.m.

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Severn Road (Eastern Section only), Barker Road, Magazine Gap and Wanchai Districts:—

6 to 8 a.m. and 4 to 5 p.m.

Remainder of the Peak:—

6 to 9 a.m.

Question:—Will the Government inform this Council:—
(a) As to what steps are being taken to establish an effective broadcasting system in this Colony?
(b) What will be the effective range of such system when the Government's contemplated scheme is completed?
(c) When is it anticipated that such scheme will be in full operation?

Reply:—The answer to the Honourable Member's questions depends upon the meaning which he attaches to the word "effective." The present broadcasting system is effective for about 50 miles and the studio is being furnished out of a vote of \$6,000 authorised on the 21st March last for equipment. The furnishing, when completed, should improve the quality, though not the strength, of the emission.

The Government has approved the appointment of a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Postmaster General to assist in the preparation of broadcasting programmes and the provision of funds for improved programmes will come up for consideration with the Estimates of 1930.

If the Honourable Member has in mind an effective range of 400 miles it is estimated that the cost of establishing a transmitting station of adequate strength for that radius would involve an expenditure of over \$200,000 for buildings and equipment alone. There would in addition be annual charges estimated at not less than \$80,000 a year, exclusive of the cost of the programmes. The Government does not feel justified at the present time in embarking upon this large expenditure.

Anti-Malaria Measures
Question:—What steps have been taken during the current year with the object of bringing into operation an effective system for dealing with malaria in this Colony?

Reply:—As the Honourable Member is aware provision was made both in 1928 and 1929 Estimates for a Malaria Research Officer and the Secretary of State was asked to select an officer to fill this appointment; but in December of last year, having appointed as Director of Medical and Sanitary Services Dr. A. R. Wellington who had had long experience in anti-malarial work, he deferred making an appointment to the vacant post until Dr. Wellington's advice could be obtained. After due consideration Dr. Wellington has recommended that the post be filled by the transfer to this Colony of a Health Officer who has had long experience in Mosquitoology and anti-malarial works together with a Sanitary Inspector similarly qualified. The Secretary of State is being asked if the transfer of suitable officers can be arranged. It will be necessary to increase the amount provided for this Service when the exact terms of transfer are known.

It is intended that these officers shall form the nucleus of an anti-malarial branch of the Medical Department. They will train local recruits and they and their staff will make the detailed anopheline surveys which are a necessary preliminary to any economic and efficient anti-malarial campaign, which has for its basis the destruction of the breeding grounds of those species of anophelines which are active agents in the spread of malaria.

P'RAPs—

P'RAPs NOT!

Tourist: "Do you get much in the way of motor traffic down here?" Village Ancient: "No, zur; Oi wouldn't be turned eighty-four if Oi did!"

"On what grounds are you seeking a divorce from your wife?" "Misrepresentation. When I asked her to marry me she said she was agreeable."

Wife: "What 'ave you got there, Bill?" Bill: "Only a 'bull-pup." "Where do you think you're going to keep it when it's a full-grown bull?"

"I took a long walk yesterday," said the bore, collapsing into a chair. "Take another, old man," said his host. "It will do us both good."

A small boy was attending church for the first time. When the collecting plate came round, he said, politely, "No, thank you, I have money of my own."

Customer (graciously): "I may eventually settle in the neighbourhood." Shopkeeper (getting anxious about his account): "I hope so, madam. I hope so!"

The young naval officer was showing a pretty girl round his ship "Awfully interesting," was her verdict. "And tell me, do they close the portholes when the tide rises?"

"The manager, you say, gave your part in the play to another member of the company. Admitted. But you can't sue him for that!" "Can't I? He took my character away, didn't he?"

Master (to small boy): "The boy caught a sparrow. What case is 'sparrow'?" Small Boy: "Objective case." Master: "Why?" Small Boy: "Because the sparrow objected to being caught."

Little Girl: "I forgot to ask you to come to my picnic to-morrow. Will you?"

Vindictive Youngster: "It's too late now. I prayed for a thunder-storm."

Daughter: "Mr. Dash tells me he has travelled extensively."

Father (gruffly): "So he ought; he's been on the trams 10 years to my knowledge!"

Haughty Parent: "So you desire to become my son-in-law?"

Modern Young Man: "No, sir, I do not, but if I marry your daughter I don't see how I can avoid it."

As Mrs. Murphy handed over her books in the free library, she sincerely hoped that the librarian would not inspect them too closely. But unfortunately, the librarian had received strict orders to open all books and to make a charge of twopenny should a page happen to be torn.

So of course he noticed that the old lady's book was damaged. "Ah!" he cried. "Page 93 torn!"

He turned over quickly—"Begorrah!" he yelled—"an' 94 torn, too! That's be forgiveness ye owe the institution, Mrs. Murphy!"

A certain restaurant, famous for its excellent cooking and bad service, was patronised by a middle-aged man and his little son.

They sat down at a table, and picked up the menu. Having selected the dishes they fancied, the father looked round for a waiter, whilst his son endeavoured to assuage the pangs of hunger by devouring bread.

At the end of five minutes' steady munching, the small boy had exhausted his supply of bread, and his patience, too.

"Daddy," he said, clutching his father's sleeve, "why don't you kick up a jolly row like you would at home?"

A certain mine-owner prided himself on the fact that he never forgot the name or face of any man in his employ.

One day, however, when he happened to be waiting on the platform of the railway station, he recognised a collier who was undoubtedly in his employ, but whose name he could not remember.

For some minutes he cudgelled his brains, but proving unsuccessful, he accosted the nameless one, and laying a hand on his shoulder said: "Excuse me, my man. Of course I know your name, but I have often been in doubt regarding the way you spell it. Would you mind telling me?"

The collier regarded him suspiciously. "J-o-n-e-s," he answered.

HENDERSON SCHEME

Sir Henry Pollock's Plea For Completion

LONG DEBATE IN COUNCIL

Unofficials' Resolution Carried After Amendment

In the form originally proposed, the resolution standing in the name of the senior Unofficial member, Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., LL.D., was opposed at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council by the Government spokesman.

Opportunity was taken to go very fully into the whole question of the Colony's water supply and construction activities during the next few years. Ultimately, Sir Henry accepted the suggestion given by H.E. the Governor. Sir Henry's resolution, as it stood on the agenda, was as follows:—

"In the opinion of this Council it is imperative in the interests of this Colony, that all the permanent measures to increase the water supply which are referred to in the Report of Mr. R. M. Henderson, dated the 20th February 1928 (other than those which have already been completed) be proceeded with and completed as soon as possible."

After a debate lasting an hour, the resolution was carried as amended, thus:—

"In the opinion of this Council it is imperative in the interests of this Colony that permanent measures to increase the water supply of this Colony should be pressed on with the utmost despatch."

ALLEGED "CHEAP GIBE" RESENTED

Sir Henry Pollock addressed the Council as follows:—

My object in making this Motion is to endeavour by comment of a constructive character to help to secure for this Colony as speedily as possible a satisfactory permanent water supply, by which term I mean an adequate water supply throughout the year free from any restrictions even in the dry season.

Of late years we have got far too prone to be satisfied with a curtailed supply in certain districts through the rider mains, but I think that we ought to make up our minds that this Colony of ours ought to have a satisfactory permanent water supply in the sense which I have just defined.

We have been through bad times in Hong Kong as regards trade during the past four years, but I venture yet once again to reaffirm my faith in the future of this Colony, which, as you, Sir, fully demonstrated in the interesting Financial Review of Hong Kong which you gave in this Council on the 1st September 1927, persists in expanding, in spite of temporary setbacks; and, as we know, fresh building sites on Crown land are continually being bought at Government auction, whilst the number of large ocean-going vessels coming into our Harbour is increasing.

Additions to City

Now water is one of the necessities of life, and we must have it in sufficient quantity; and, in considering the question of increasing our water supply on the mainland, in order to supply the needs of Hong Kong Island, we must bear in mind the large Praya East Reclamation, which we may reasonably hope to see covered with houses, in a few years time.

And whilst I am on the subject of new buildings in this Colony, I would express the hope that the Government will give every reasonable assistance to building contractors in obtaining water for the carrying on of their building work. No doubt contractors can do a great deal for themselves by the sinking of wells, but I am not clear that that kind of relief completely solves the difficulty, seeing that brackish water is not suitable for every kind of building work.

Mr. Purves Praised

Before dealing in detail with Mr. R. M. Henderson's Report of the 26th February 1928, I should like, if I may be permitted to do so, to express appreciation of the hard work put in by him and his able Assistant, Mr. Purves; the results of which are embodied in Mr. Henderson's Report of the 8th April 1924, (included in Sessional Paper 4 of 1923), and in his Report extracts from which are included in Sessional Paper 10 of 1927, and in his Report of the 20th February 1928, which is included in Sessional Paper 4 of 1928.

Bearing in mind our present serious water-shortage and the very grave inconveniences and heavy cost of the purely make-shift measures to which the Colony has been subjected during the last few months, I think that few will dispute the expediency of pushing on vigorously with our permanent measures of water supply.

Due for Completion

The earliest of such measures now due for completion is the pipeline across the Harbour, and, in view of the different dates of completion of that line which have been rumoured, I hope that the Honourable Director of Public Works will inform us, presently on what date that line is to be completed. Other dates which it would also be interesting to know are the contract date for the completion of the Kowloon byewash Reservoir, and the contract dates for the completion of the various stages of the Aberdeen Scheme, which Scheme, as appears from the

1925, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor:— "With reference to the Shing Mun Scheme second section, I agree to the details being worked out immediately, as it is obvious that this will be required before long, in any case."

Nine Dams
The Shing Mun Scheme second section consists of several parts and involves the building of nine dams in all and the construction of various catchwaters, and I rather gather from Mr. Henderson's remarks on the Order of Construction in his Report of the 8th April 1924, that we shall obtain useful results most speedily in connection with this scheme by constructing catchwaters draining areas A, B, C, D and E on the Southern slopes of Tai-mo-shan and by building Dams Nos. 3 and 4.

There can be no difficulty in financing this Shing Mun scheme as the Secretary of State, some years since, sanctioned a loan for that purpose.

Second Harbour Pipe?

Doubtless a second pipe-line across the Harbour would form a necessary corollary to the second section of the Shing Mun Scheme; and, if we can build two pipe-lines at the same time much more cheaply, in proportion, than we can build one, it seems worth while to consider whether it would not be better to get on with the laying of the second pipe-line now.

In his Report of the 20th February 1928, Mr. Henderson also says:—

"To cope with the increased consumption a consistent annual programme of main-laying and distribution improvement is necessary both on the Island and the Mainland. Balance-tanks at North Point and Kowloon City are becoming urgent necessities."

In connection with the above statements of Mr. Henderson, I should be glad if the Director of Public Works could inform us whether such a consistent annual programme of main-laying and distribution improvement has been drawn up, and, if so, what it is and whether it is being carried out. Also whether balance-tanks at North Point and Kowloon City are being put in hand, and, if not, why not.

Speeding Up

Generally, in connection with the question of speeding up the providing of the Colony with a satisfactory permanent water supply, I should like to point out that a precedent exists for the Government employing (if necessary) the services of a non-Government Engineer temporarily in order to supplement a shortage (if any) in the Government Staff, as was done in the case of Mr. Lawrence Gibbs (then of Denison, Ram & Gibbs) who was retained by the Government in connection with the construction of the big reservoir at Kowloon.

I do not, of course, pretend to be able to judge whether such outside engineering assistance is or is not desirable so as to enable the Government to push on more speedily with some or any of their permanent water-measures, but I hope that the question of employing such outside assistance will be taken into careful consideration by Your Excellency.

Nearby Resources

I desire to take this opportunity of congratulating the Public Works Department upon the pipe-line scheme which it is carrying out for the increase of the water-supply which can be handled at the Pier at Sham Tseng, opposite Capstern, and I understand that the Government is exploring the possibility of connecting yet further streams in that neighbourhood with that Pier. These resources which are much nearer to us than those in the Canton River or at Wang-moon should form very valuable auxiliaries to our water-supply.

In conclusion I should like to mention to the Council a system for enabling every householder in this Colony to convert his own house into an effective catchwater for rain-water, to be used for washing and flushing purposes.

Mr. Sutherland's Scheme
This system has kindly been sent to me by Mr. Robert Sutherland, who informs me that he has found that it has effected a marvellous saving in the case of his own house at the Peak.

His memorandum to me which was written primarily for the use of Peak residents, reads as follows:—

"A very easy method of collecting rain water can be arranged by simply removing a section of the down-take water pipe from the roof, and adjusting a short canvas hose which conveys the water into barrels. I have tried this method for months past and I have found it of great economy in the use of water, inasmuch as every drop of water from the roof is caught and conveyed up to the flushing tank and hot water tank on the roof. By this means the only water drawn from the main is purely for cooking and drinking purposes."

What It Costs

If the intention is to suggest this method to other residents at the Peak, and elsewhere, I have an estimate from a firm, who will supply 40 gallon barrels at \$5.50 each, including binding to the down-take pipe, removal of the pipe, etc., at \$11 per length. They will deliver

the barrels, and make all the adjustments necessary, for a charge of \$16.50 inclusive, and readjust the rain pipes at any time required.

Before this water system is put into vogue if the water is collected from a flat roof it would be well to have this thoroughly scrubbed with bamboo brooms as flat roofs are inclined to become mildewed and soiled up.

Bamboo Substitute

The advantage of canyos hose is, of course, that not being a fixture it can be taken out of one barrel and put in another without any trouble. My experience is that two barrels should be put in position for each rain pipe."

I suggest that a similar saving of water could be effected in Chinese houses, and that possibly the cost of the scheme could be cheapened by substituting a bamboo-pipe for the canvas hose mentioned by Mr. Sutherland. At all events it seems to be worth while to bring this plan for saving not only water but the cost and labour of getting it to the notice of the Chinese Community.

OFFICIAL VIEWS

Mr. Southern: "Motion in Two Wide Terms"

Replying for the Government, the Colonial Secretary said:—

"I cannot help feeling, Sir, that the honourable member who moved this motion has travelled somewhat outside the scope of the motion, intended to deal with permanent measures, in putting before us so temporary and makeshift an arrangement as that which he described in the latter part of his speech. The Government is in general sympathy with the objects of the mover in bringing to public notice the importance of getting on as quickly as possible with permanent measures for increasing the water supply of this Colony. But the Government cannot accept the motion as it stands, for it is cast in such wide terms that it would commit this Council and the Government to a programme of work which has not been adequately examined, which has not been submitted to, much less received the sanction of the Secretary of State."

Praise for P.W.D.

Mr. Southern also said that by reference to Sessional Papers, honourable members would find that the second section of the Shing Mun scheme was a project which was still under investigation. He hoped that Sir Henry Pollock, after hearing what he had to say, would be satisfied that the Government was carrying out as quickly as possible the more important section of the work referred to in Mr. Henderson's report and would see his way not to press his motion to a division.

He would like to associate himself with the kind references which Sir Henry had made to the work of the Public Works Department and the Water Engineers in particular. He said that no one knew better than he, that the Water Engineers had spared no pains to cope with the difficulties of the present crisis.

Aberdeen Scheme

In regard to the detailed statement by Sir Henry, Mr. Southern said that Sir Henry was, of course, aware from statements which had been made both by him (Mr. Southern) and by the Director of Public Works (the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, C.B.E.) in the Council that the Aberdeen scheme was already being proceeded with and that water from that source would be available in the spring of 1931. He did not follow the trend of Sir Henry's reference to specific items of the Aberdeen scheme. Every large scheme consisted of a number of items but the engineers could hardly be expected to assign specific dates for the completion of such items.

Sir Henry had referred to the catchwaters which were intended to improve the supply to Tyam-tuk. These items were not proceeded with owing to lack of staff, the engineers being engaged at the time with bigger and more profitable schemes.

Kowloon Byewash

He was not unaware that the Public Works Committee gave special prominence to the importance of this work, and those members who were in the Council then would not doubt remember that he had explained in October last that the matter had not been overlooked but it could not be proceeded with owing to the fact that engineers were fully occupied with present water schemes.

When in February this year, it was decided to proceed with the Kowloon Byewash scheme, it was impossible for the engineers to proceed at the same time with the catchwaters. The catchwaters had been under consideration since 1921, but, owing to their uneconomical nature, they had been deferred from time to time in favour of more profitable schemes.

At the same time, Sir Henry had referred to special work which is being carried out in connection with the Dragon's Back

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"POINT OF ORDER"

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEDURE

SIR H. POLLOCK'S PROTEST

Two rather unusual incidents—on a point of order—occurred at the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday.

Immediately on the Council assembling, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., LL.D. (senior Unofficial member) said:—

"Sir, I rise to a point of order. Some of my Unofficial colleagues received their first intimation of the holding of the meeting of this Council when they opened their paper yesterday morning and saw that there was to be a meeting this afternoon, and that the important question of water was to be brought forward. That, Sir, is very unsatisfactory, and it is not, as you know, in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Standing Orders. I wish to express the hope that such a procedure will not be followed in future but that if ever there is any reason why it is difficult to send round the full Orders of the Day to members for the full period mentioned in the Standing Orders, the Clerk of Councils should send out at least to the Unofficial members a notice to the effect that on such a day there will be a meeting of the Legislative Council."

H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., who presided) replied:—

"I regret that there should have been this delay in notifying hon. members of the date of this meeting. I understand that it was due to the fact that the Orders of the Day took an unusually long time in printing. Of course, it is the wish of the Government to give as long notice as possible of all meetings and every care will be taken to do so in future."

Questions & Speeches

Shortly afterwards, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga (Unofficial member for Kowloon), who had given notice of a number of questions relating to Kowloon Tong, was informed that the replies were not yet ready.

Hon. Mr. Braga: "Arising out of the Colonial Secretary's reply I should like to bring your Excellency's notice of the urgency of this Kowloon Tong question."

The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.): "On a point of order, Sir, no speeches can be made."

H.E. the Governor: "Only supplementary questions can be asked. I may say that the replies to the hon. member's questions will, it is hoped, be given next week."

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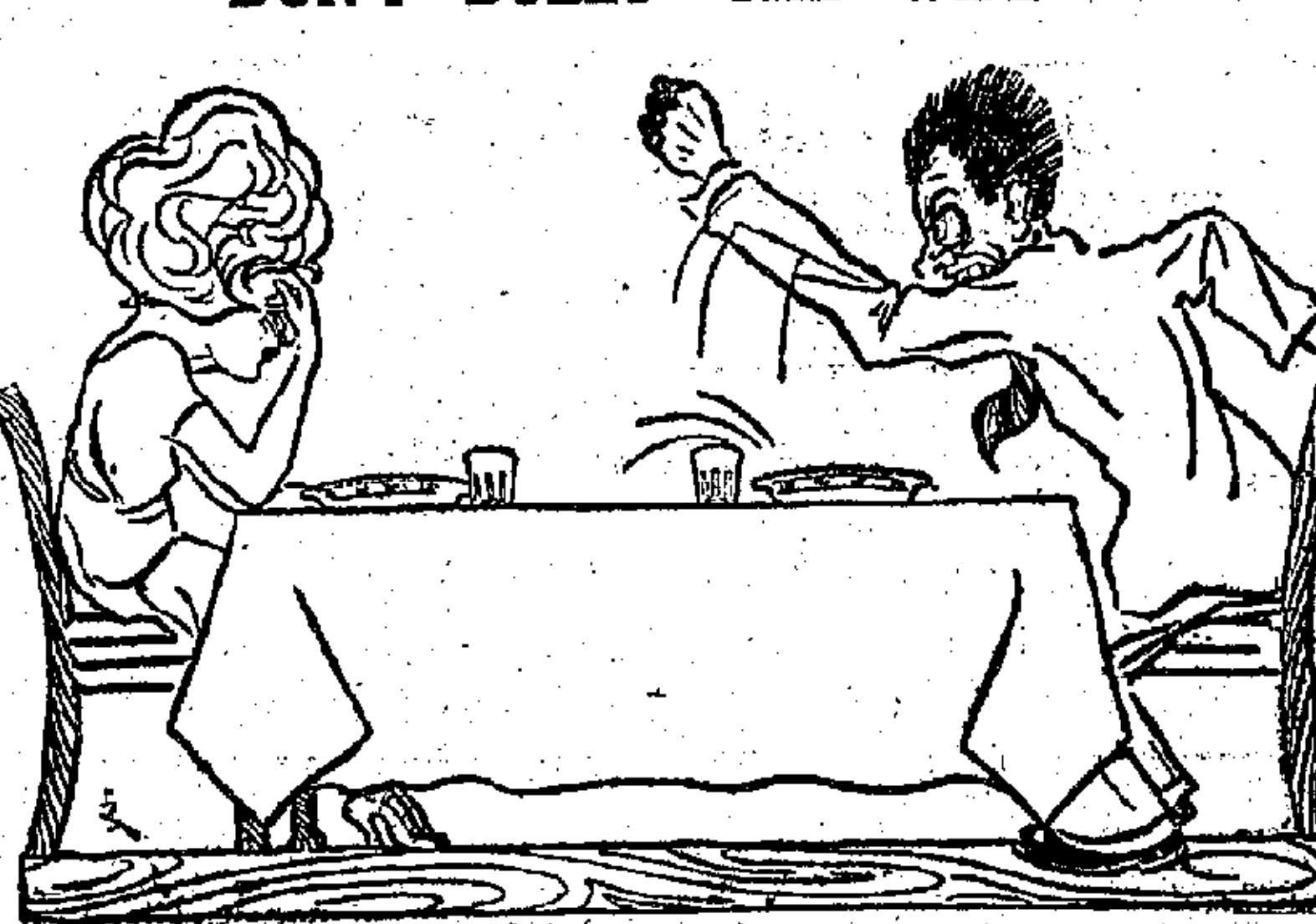
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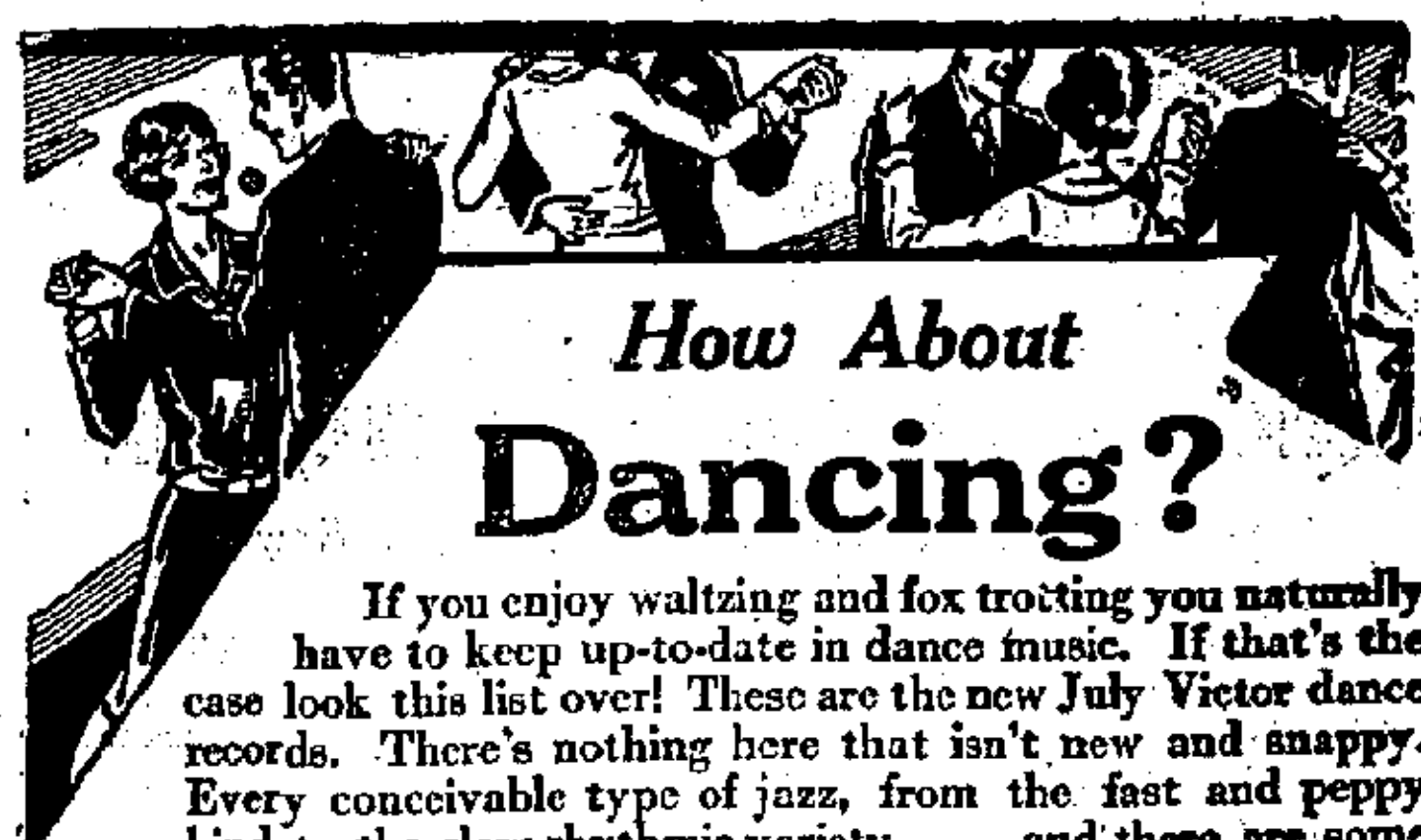
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WAR NOT YET

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Hope Not Given Up
Nanking, Yesterday.
Late this afternoon, the Chinese Foreign Office had not received the Soviet Note allegedly breaking off diplomatic relations, although a telegram from the Chinese acting Charge d'Affaires at Moscow was received this morning advising that the National Government's reply to the ultimatum had been received and forwarded to the Soviet Government. The telegram did not mention any intention of the Soviet of breaking off relations.

"Situation Grave"
Marshal Chiang Kai-shek called an emergency conference of Chinese leaders which sat throughout the afternoon. Although there is no official announcement, it is learned in well-informed quarters that the National Government has not entirely given up hopes of an amicable settlement.

Nanking, Yesterday.
General Chang Hsueh-liang has wired to the National Government that the Soviet is concentrating forces along the Russo-Manchurian border, and the situation is extremely grave.—Reuter.

Japanese News
Tokyo, Yesterday.
While Japanese Consular reports from Manchuria confirm the suspension of railway traffic the Japanese Foreign Office has not yet been officially informed of the severance of Sino-Russian relations.

Prior to the receipt of Press despatches regarding the latest development, official circles appeared optimistic that everything would work out smoothly, but when apprised of the Soviet's reply, a Foreign Office spokesman did not attempt to conceal his surprise and anxiety. He gave a guarded reply when asked to express an opinion on the significance of the latest move.

Neutrality
In the meantime the Foreign Office denies the report that the Soviet has approached Japan on the question of neutrality and also denies knowledge of the alleged activities of Ataman Semenov, the "White" Russian leader. It is reported, however, that Semenov has telegraphed from Dairen instructing a Japanese adviser, a retired officer named Colonel Kuroki, to proceed to Dairen to assist him.

It is officially learned that on July 16 Mr. Tokichi Tanaka, the Japanese Ambassador at Moscow, visited M. Karakhan (Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs and formerly Ambassador to China), who explained the Soviet standpoint, but said nothing to indicate an intention to adopt the present measures, nor touched on the question either of Japanese mediation or neutrality.

Efforts for Peace?
Though the Japanese Government is still maintaining an attitude of watchful waiting, it has indicated the possibility of it making representations to both China and Russia for the purpose of maintaining peace. It is understood the Foreign Minister, Baron Shidehara, discussed the latest developments with the Premier, Mr. Hamaguchi, in the afternoon.

While the Government still has no knowledge of the "White" General Semenov's alleged activities at Dairen, official quarters assert they will not permit him to remain if he attempts to carry out active intrigues.

Apprehension
The Japanese General Staff, which is probably the best-informed organ in the world regarding the politico-strategic situation in Manchuria, expresses the belief that the rupture of Sino-Russian relations is unlikely to lead to an outbreak of hostilities, but admits that the concentration of Chinese and Soviet troops along the border, facing each other, causes apprehension lest their proximity in the present excited state precipitates a clash.

War Not Meant

Declaring that the reported severance of Sino-Russian diplomatic relations betrayed previous expectation by the two countries to settle their disputes through peaceful negotiations, the Foreign Office spokesman observed that the Soviet Note did not necessarily mean war but indicates a determination to insist on Russian interests and rights under the Sino-Russian and Russo-Mukden agreements.

At the same time, added the official spokesman, "we do not exclude the chance of open war between the two countries as the loss of the Chinese Eastern Railway must be a question of life and death to Vladivostok."—Reuter.

Osaka, Yesterday.
The news of the Soviet's break with China has caused a great shock here. It is feared that the disputed control of the Chinese Eastern Railway must lead to war.—Reuter.

MONEY AND SHARES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

On London—	1/11 1/4
Bank, wire	1/11 5/16
Bank, on demand	1/11 5/16
Bank, 30 days' sight	1/11 5/16
Bank, 4 months' sight	2/11 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	2/- 3/4
Documentary 4 months' sight	2/- 3/4
On Paris—	1202 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	1277 1/2
On Berlin—	—
On demand	—
On New York—	—
On demand	47 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight	48 3/4
On Bombay—	—
Wire	130 1/2
On demand	130 1/2
On Calcutta—	—
Wire	130 1/2
On demand	130 1/2
On Singapore—	—
On demand	84
On Manila—	—
On demand	94 1/2
On Shanghai—	—
On demand	81 1/2
30 day's sight (private paper)	—
On Yokohama—	—
On demand	101 1/2
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)	—
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	9.95
Silver (per oz.)	24 1/2
Rar Silver in Hong Kong	2 1/2 % dis.
Copper Cash	Nominal
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LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Yesterday.	
Paris	123.85 1/2
New York	4.85 5/32 (?)
Brussels	34.91
Geneva	25.22
Amsterdam	12.08 3/4
Milan	92.74 1/2
Berlin	20.35 1/2
Stockholm	18.09 1/2
Copenhagen	18.20
Oslo	18.20
Vienna	34.49
Prague	168 1/2
Helsingfors	192 1/2
Madrid	33.25 (?)
Lisbon	108 1/2
Athens	375
Bucharest	318 (?)
Rio	5 1/2
Buenos Aires	47 1/2
Bombay	1/5 25/32
Shanghai	2/4 1/2
Hong Kong	1/11 1/4
Yokohama	1/10 (?)
Silver Spot	24 1/2
Silver Forward	24 9/32 (?)

—British Wireless Service.

A male Chinese believed to have been a detective's informer, was found dead near the nursery at 293 Chunsan Road, Chapel. The body bore three bullet wounds. In the dead man's pockets were found two name cards and a pair of handcuffs. An investigation was conducted.

Two Korean children were burnt to death in a fire which broke out in Rue Pere Frot, Shanghai, and gutted a cigarette shop. Their parents are at present in Tientsin, the mother having left Shanghai for the north only three days before the disaster.



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THE "VICTORY"

RESTORATION WORK ON THE FLAGSHIP

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This was revealed by Admiral Sir George Hope at the annual meeting of the Society for Nautical Research, at the Royal United Services Institution.

He said: "On the occasion of his visit, His Majesty discussed with us our plans to complete the work of restoration, and himself made suggestions which we shall endeavour to put into effect. For, although the work of preservation is complete, the work of restoration is not."

The Admiral pointed out that the fund to save the "Victory," which was begun in 1922 and realized £75,000 was now exhausted. Since they started the work of restoration and preservation in 1923, more than £100,000 had been spent upon the ship.

HEIRS SOUGHT

£25,000 LEFT BY POSTAL OFFICIAL

Heirs to the £25,000 fortune of a Lancashire man are to be sought by an order of Manchester Chancery Court. The money was left by Arthur Bromley, a retired postal official, living near Grange-over-Sands, who died last November.

Counsel appearing for the widow, Jane Martha Bromley, and for Thomas Barwell, who have taken out letters of administration, said that as far as was known there were no nearer relatives than the descendants of Mr. Bromley's uncles and aunts. If the inquiry as to persons beneficially interested were postponed until the widow's death, it would be very difficult to get the information.

TO TOUR INDIA

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London, June 4.
The School Empire Tour Committee announce a scheme for sending a party of 45 boys to India in November, to return next February.

The party will travel second class in the P. and O. liner "Viceroy of India."

The staff will include a public school master and an Army officer. The itinerary will start and end at Bombay. The party will probably go to Calcutta, Benares, Delhi and Agra. The total cost of the tour is estimated at £150 each. It is anticipated that the party will consist chiefly of boys leaving school in July who are not going to the University, or who are postponing residence for a year.

Mrs. T. Woodgate and Mrs. Brennan left Kuala Lumpur on July 15 for Singapore, and thence for Australia by the Dutch mail Nieuw Zeeland.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN "CHINA MAIL"

Social Functions
To-day—Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel—Dinner Dances, 8.30 p.m.

Entertainments
To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Excess Baggage."
To-day—World Theatre; "Resurrection."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Steamboat Bill Jr."
To-day—Majestic Theatre; "Ramona."

Lammert's Auctions
July 20—At 241, Nathan-rd, (Top Floor). Kowloon, valuable household furniture, 11 a.m.
July 20—At Godown No. 18, Kowloon, edible goods, 10.30 a.m.
July 22—At 26, Des Voeux Road Central, office furniture, 2.30 p.m.
July 22—At 10, Carnarvon Bldg, Kowloon, household furniture, 11 a.m.

Home Mails
To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia ("Pres. Jefferson").
To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Marseilles, ("Kliva"), 10.30 a.m.

LEFT TO SCIENCE

Formerly a well-known cricketer, and over twenty-two years cricket editor of the "Field," Mr. Walter Ambrose Bettsworth, of Dean Road, Willesden, bequeathed his body to the London Hospital in the interests of medical science. He left £1,603 gross, with net personality £1,556.

THE AMUSING ADVENTURES OF A RAILWAY LUGGAGE PORTER.



COMING TO THE
QUEEN'S
SUNDAY AND MONDAY

HENDERSON SCHEME

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west catchwater. He was able to inform the Council (said Mr. Southern) that a temporary channel dealing with over 150 acres of the area to be drained by this catchwater was being made and would be completed this month. The channel was nearly one mile in length and would have a maximum capacity of 10,000,000 gallons per day. It would be subsequently incorporated in the permanent work of the catchwater.

Help From Home

Mr. Southern then dealt with the question of the employment of private engineers to assist in the work if the Government staff was insufficient. Sir Henry had quoted a particular instance where this procedure was adopted with great success. He, Mr. Southern, had no wish to reflect upon the skill and ability of private firms, but the Government was of the opinion that work of that kind could be more cheaply and successfully carried out under Government supervision.

Two engineers had been asked for (from Home) and he hoped that they would be in the Colony within two months.

Speaking of the case of Mr. Gibbs mentioned by Sir Henry Pollock, Mr. Southern said Mr. Gibbs was at one time an assistant engineer in the Public Works Department and as such prepared the drawing and was in charge of the work in connection with the Kowloon Dam. Mr. Gibbs left the Government while he was so occupied and joined a private firm and the Government employed the private firm, presumably because of Mr. Gibbs' knowledge of the work.

\$4½ Millions' Job

The Shing Mun scheme and the final portion of it were in hand and it was hoped that water would be available through the pipe line early next year.

The Kowloon Bywash Reservoir was under construction and should be completed by about the end of 1930. Replying to a query by Sir Henry Pollock, Mr. Southern said he understood that it was contracted for completion on December 13, 1930.

As to the second section of the Shing Mun scheme, honourable members would know from the Sessional Papers that the second portion would cost \$4,750,000 and the Government engineers were still engaged on the scheme, but they were not yet in a position to submit any proposal to the Secretary of State for his approval. That was one of the reasons why the Government could not accept Sir Henry's motion as it stood.

Steady Programme

As regards an additional pipe line, that was a thing which had to be carefully considered and it was felt that the Government should wait and gather experience in the laying of the first pipe line and its use before they started on the second one.

All the other items mentioned in Mr. Henderson's report were being dealt with in a steady programme of improvement on the sums voted in the estimates.

The North Point tank appeared in the estimate of this year and it was hoped to commence it this year.

The Kowloon City tank, although desirable, had not been felt to be a matter of immediate necessity. It was, however, in the programme.

Government Not Idle

Honourable member would probably agree that the Government had not been idle since Mr. Henderson's report was published. The Government could not entirely disregard finance in the construction of water works of such magnitude. It did not wish to burden the Colony with a local debt which it could not pay without increasing taxation. The Government, moreover, was not disposed to embark on large and expensive schemes without ascertaining that they were practicable, and moreover that the necessary funds could be raised to pay for them.

The Director of Public Works then announced that he had nothing to add to what the Colonial Secretary had explained.

"NOT FAMILIAR"

Sir Henry on Technicalities of Water Works

Sir Henry Pollock replied:—"At his request, I sent the hon. Colonial Secretary a note of what I was about to say to-day. I now somewhat regret the fact that I did so, if only for the somewhat cheap gibe to the effect that in referring to Mr. Sutherland's scheme, I was travelling outside the scope of the motion. I would suggest that the honourable member might have left that out of his speech with some advantage. I am not familiar with dams and catchwaters and my speech might appear to the Colonial Secretary to be a poor effort, but I can assure him that I spent a lot of time in preparing it and collecting my information."

Continuing, Sir Henry said that the Colonial Secretary had said that the Government was in general sympathy with his efforts, but afterwards he said that he had hoped that the motion would be pressed to a division. He must confess that he failed to see in what way the Colonial Secretary had shown that the motion should not be pressed to a division.

West Point Sufferers

Claiming that his motion was very simply worded, Sir Henry declared that he should have thought it was perfectly simple to anyone and he was surprised to see that the Colonial Secretary should suggest that there was anything harmful in the passing of such a motion.

The Colonial Secretary had said that he could not follow the reason why he mentioned the items of the Aberdeen scheme. He thought it was obvious that if the Government was carrying out the Aberdeen scheme it would have to be carried out in all its details. He suggested that Mr. Southern had not tried to answer that part of the question which suggested that the Aberdeen scheme would relieve a part of the population suffering very severely from the water shortage, namely those at West Point.

Insufficient Staff

He had asked for contract dates and was still waiting for a reply. All they were told was that it would be completed in 1931. Not a single word had been said by the Colonial Secretary to show that the scheme was being carried out. The Colonial Secretary had simply repeated what the Director of Public Works told the Council on June 20 this year, that was to say, that the Colony should have some water available in the spring of 1931. The Colonial Secretary had not said that the scheme as detailed by Mr. Henderson would be proceeded with as soon as possible.

As regards his own query (Sir Henry added) as to whether or not it was desirable to engage outside engineers, he thought from what the Colonial Secretary had said that such a step should have been taken long ago. The catchwaters had not been proceeded with because of insufficient staff and there were other instances where work could not be proceeded with for the same reason.

Dragon's Back

After remarking the Colonial Secretary had given the Council satisfactory news about the Dragon's Back catchwater, Sir Henry touched upon the second section of the Shing Mun scheme. The Colonial Secretary had said that it was partly outlined in 1924. Sir Henry claimed that Mr. Henderson's report consisted of a very full statement and the report also contained a very interesting plan. In connection with that, the Secretary of State had telegraphed to the Government in 1925 that he agreed to the details being worked up immediately. Sir Henry Pollock professed, therefore, that he could not understand why they were so be-

hind-hand with regard to those details.

Interest of Colony

"Sir," said Sir Henry in conclusion, "I cannot see the smallest reason for not accepting this motion. Surely, it is in the interest of the Colony that we should have a full water supply. Surely it is in the interest of the Colony that the permanent works be proceeded with and surely it is in the interest of the Colony that we should proceed with the very excellent scheme worked out by Mr. Henderson and his assistant. I fail to understand why the hon. Colonial Secretary finds it impossible to advise the Government that this resolution can be accepted. I do not understand his position. All that I am asking this Council to do is vigorously to back up the suggestion of its own officer, and if it finds itself short of staff, to engage outside assistance. It is in the interest of the Colony that this scheme should be proceeded with."

H.E. THE GOVERNOR

"Most Important Portion of Scheme"

H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) said that he had not prior to the meeting read either the speech of Sir Henry Pollock or the reply of the Colonial Secretary. Having heard the two speeches, he still thought that it was very unfortunate that the senior Unofficial member wished to press the matter to a division. His

PLEASE DON'T WASTE WATER

Excellency said that there was no division of opinion and had the motion been otherwise worded as, for instance, "that it is imperative in the opinion of this Council that the Colony should have a full water supply" or similar wording, there would be no difference of opinion.

The most important portion of Mr. Henderson's scheme for the Island was the Aberdeen scheme, the whole of which the Government intended to carry out, and all the details of the reservoir would be carried, it was hoped, at the same time as the construction of the dam.

Harbour Pipe Line

On the Island there would also be constructed the extra catchments for the Tyantuk reservoir. One of these is now being constructed and it would, in due course be turned into a permanent catchwater, when attention could be turned from temporary to permanent measures. If the present water shortage had not been absorbing the attention of the water engineers, the Government might have been able to spend the last few months on permanent work instead of temporary work.

On the mainland they were carrying out the first stage of the Shing Mun scheme.

It was proposed also to start work without delay on laying the pipe line across the Harbour. A single pipe line was being laid as it was in the nature of an experiment and the consulting engineers had some doubt about it, and it would not be wise to commit the Colony to the construction of two similar lines at one time.

His Excellency then referred to the second stage of the Shing Mun scheme and stated that the project was in a somewhat hazy condition at the moment. He referred to a visit which he and honourable members had made to the site some months ago and enumerated the objects of that visit.

No Further Taxation?

Mr. Henderson did not himself know where the site of that dam was going to be, nor had the Government any indication what the cost of these works would be when the sites were decided. When the location and cost of the dams were known it would then be necessary for his Excellency to obtain the sanction of the Secretary of State. He felt sure that such a scheme would have the approval of the Council but it was quite premature

for the Council to commit themselves to the scheme. Under these circumstances, Sir Henry Pollock would see that they should not adopt the motion as worded.

His Excellency went on to say that if they embarked on costly schemes they must be prepared in their next budget to find means to pay for them. He was not sure that the scheme could be carried out at the present time without further taxation. His Excellency said that at the recent *kaifong* meeting one of the resolutions was that this was no time for additional taxation and he personally agreed.

Chinese Support

Sir Henry Pollock then agreed to amend his resolution: The Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow seconded the amendment. In supporting Sir Henry's original resolution, the senior Chinese (Unofficial) member had said:—"I have much pleasure in seconding the motion which has been made by the hon. senior Unofficial member. I can assure your Excellency that the Chinese community are most anxious that the water supply of this Colony should be sufficiently increased in future to ensure, if practicable, that there shall be no restrictions whatever in the supply of water even in the dry season." The resolution was thereupon adopted unanimously.

NO MORE FREE WATER

First Reading of Government's New Bill

Moving the first reading (which was passed) of the "No More Free Water" Bill, the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, C.B.E., K.C., said:—"I think a certain number of persons in Hong Kong appear to think that the recent rains have so increased our supplies that restrictions may be either taken off altogether or greatly reduced. It is true that we have had rain for the last ten days, but it has ceased for the present and even if it had continued we would still be facing the most serious water shortage the Colony has ever experienced."

"The Hon. Director of Public Works, in a statement at the beginning of this meeting, told us that the total increase due to the recent rains is 247 million gallons at the estimated full consumption, if all restrictions were removed, that would last us a little over three weeks and we may have to wait nine months or perhaps ten until the next rain. I think the community ought to realise that unless our reservoirs are overflowing at the end of the summer, we shall have to face a very serious restriction again next year."

Much More Rain Needed

Sir Joseph said that the Colony still had August, September, and October, which were respectively months with average rainfalls of 15 inches, 10 inches and 5 inches. Tyantuk could hold 1,419 million gallons and it would require another 1,300 million gallons to make it overflow. He thought if the members of the community grasped these facts and realised what an enormous amount of rain was still required to fill the reservoirs, they would realise that the recent rains were only a very small addition and that restriction must still continue.

Economy Encouraged

It was therefore essential that every step possible should be taken to enforce and encourage economy in the use of water and it was also desirable especially in the interest of those members of the community who now suffered most from the water shortage. The Bill which he was about to introduce was dictated by that consideration. Details of this Bill, which impose a new schedule of charges for water and heavier penalties for wasting or polluting water have already been published.

[The second and third readings will probably be taken at next Thursday's meeting.]

WATER POSITION

Review by Director of Public Works

At the opening of the meeting, the Director of Public Works made the following statement:— In accordance with your Excellency's



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LOUGHRAN RETAINS TITLE

New York, Yesterday. In the Yankee Stadium, for the World's Light Heavyweight Championship, Tommy Loughran (holder) won the decision over James J. Braddock (challenger).—Reuter's American Service.

New York, Later. Loughran dispelled all doubts of his ability to dominate the light heavyweight division by administering a sound thrashing to the youthful New Jersey challenger. The majority of the ringsiders considered that the champion won at least twelve or thirteen rounds and the decision of the judges and referee was unanimous.—Reuter's American Service.

DUNDEE OUTPOINTS MARTIN

New York, July 9. Johnny Dundee took a close decision over Eddie Martin in 10 rounds here last night.—United Press.

HOME RACING

FAIRWAY WINS PRINCESS OF WALES' STAKES

London, July 4. The Princess of Wales' Stakes (1½ miles), run at Newmarket, resulted as follows:—

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4 to 1 on Fairway.
100 to 6 against Cyclonic.
5 to 1 against Athford.

Accident to Donoghue

Steve Donoghue, the famous jockey, was thrown at Salisbury Races to-day and sustained a very serious injury to his ankle which was fractured in two places.

Donoghue who is 42 years of age and has been riding with conspicuous success for many years, having won the Derby on four occasions, was, it will be remembered, seriously injured in the Grand Prix Race at St. Auteuil in June 1925.—"Singapore Free Press."

instructions I submit the following statement giving the water position to date.

The total storage in the island reservoirs this morning amounted to approximately 400 million gallons. The normal consumption of Hong Kong may be taken as 11 million gallons a day. Thus there is in the reservoirs at this rate of consumption only 36 days' supply. At the present restricted rate of consumption there is over 150 days' supply.

Shing Mun River Before a full supply can be given to the city at this period of the year, a storage of approximately 2,000 million gallons would be necessary, which means that we require to have all our reservoirs full or nearly so. This would provide a full supply for 182 days.

The total increase due to the recent rains, which gave an average rainfall for the week of 9 inches is 247 million gallons.

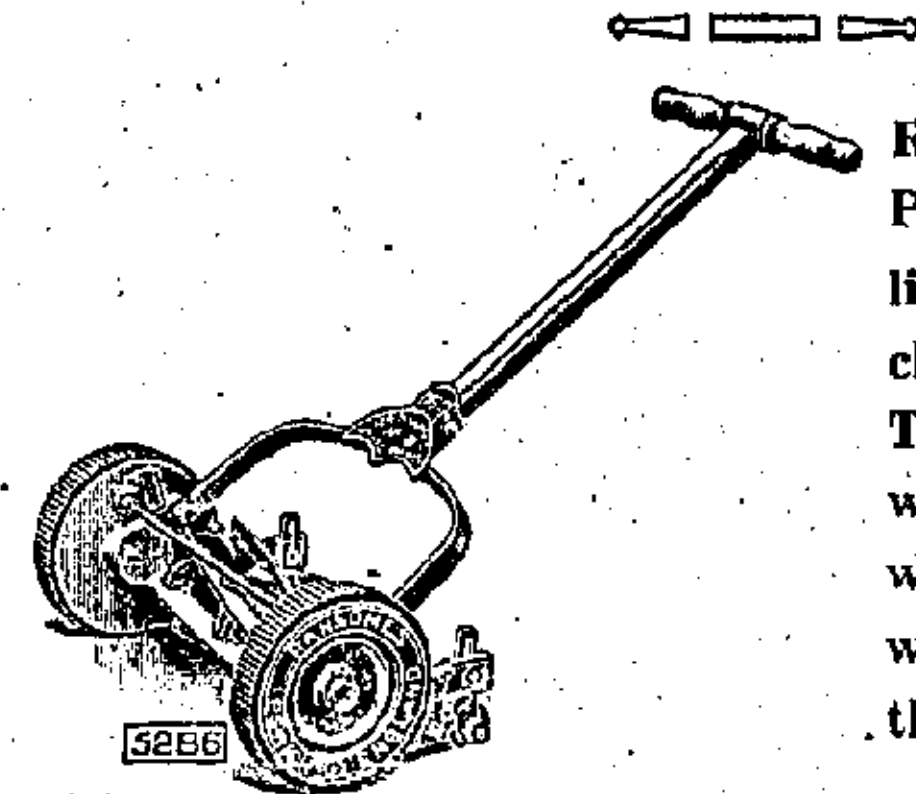
The Kowloon reservoirs are still rising slowly owing to the effects of the recent rains, and the yield from the Shing Mun River during the week was 150.50 million gallons. Although the Kowloon reservoirs are not yet full, the Shing Mun River is delivering sufficient water to make Kowloon independent of its reservoir supplies for some time.

OLD TAYLOR

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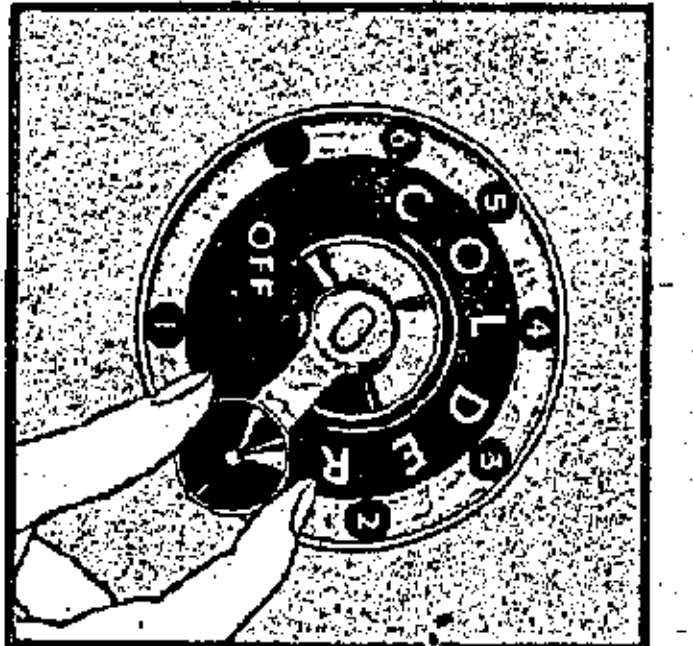
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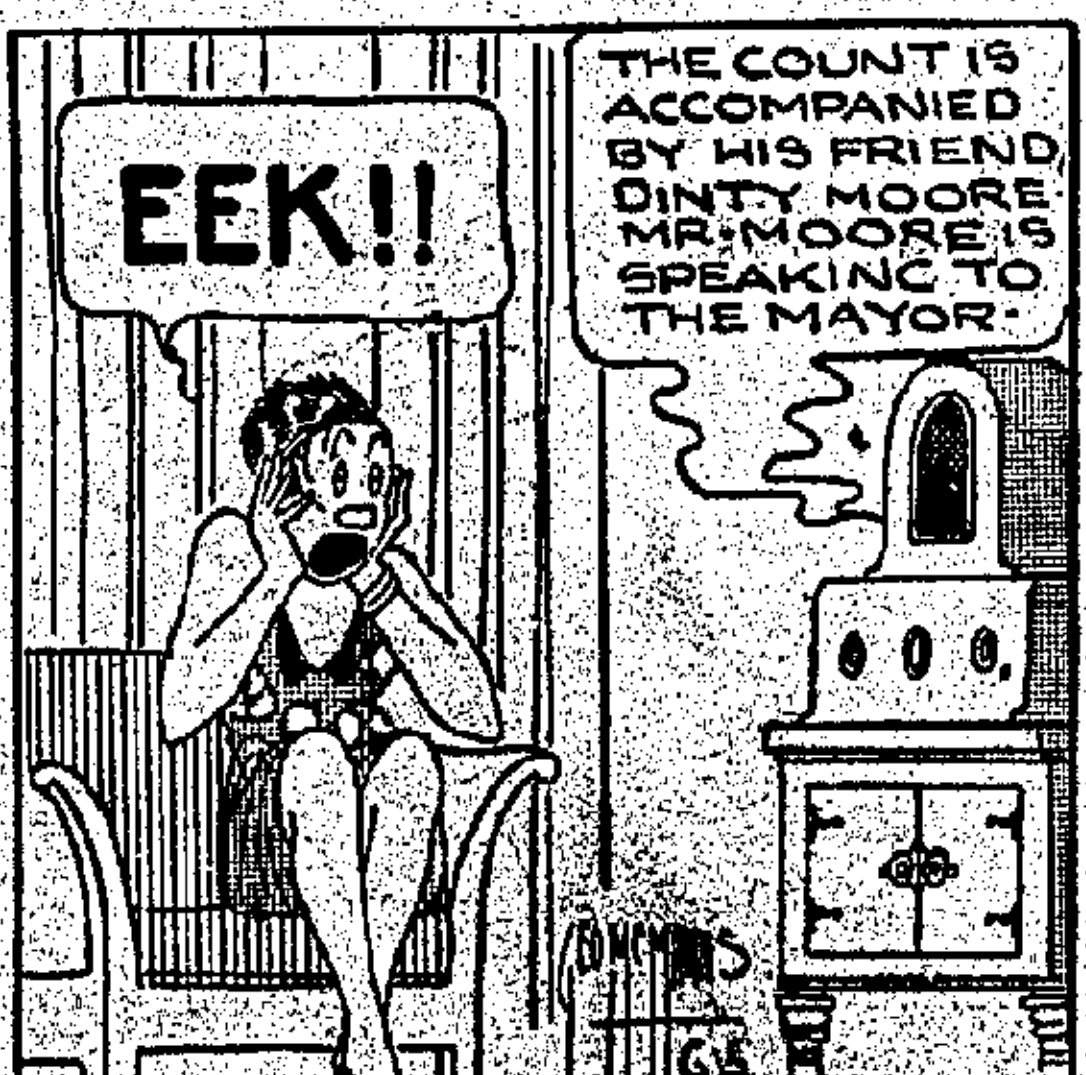
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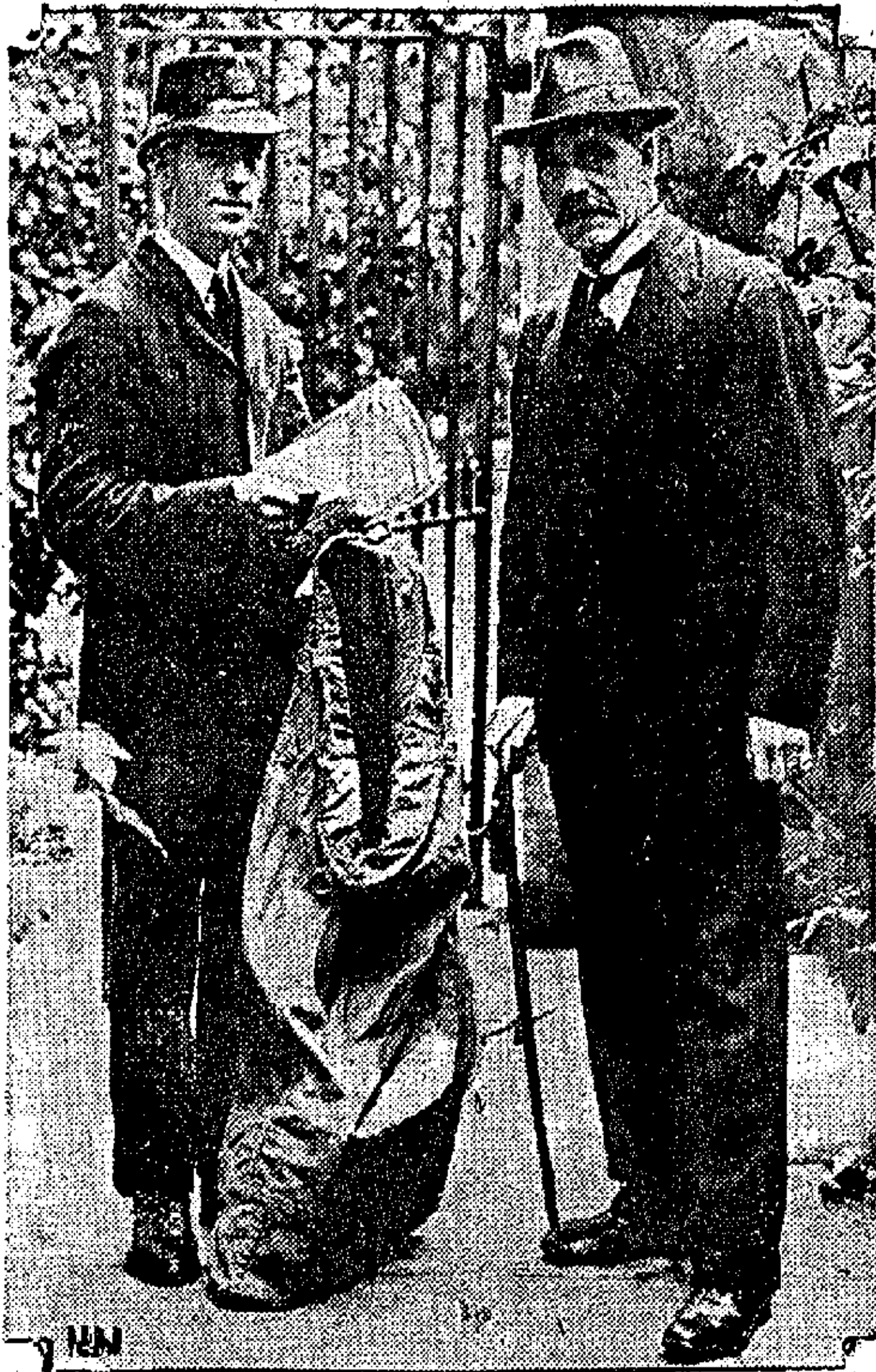
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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

New Premier Swamped



This is one of the most recent pictures of the new Prime Minister, Ramey MacDonald, right, taken in front of his home at Hampstead Heath, as he returned from his usual morning walk. Pity the poor man because he must read all this mail from his well-wishers, but reserve some pity for the mailman who has to lug the heavy load to the Prime Minister's house.

In Customs Jam



Ever vigilant customs officials at New York are holding the eleven pieces of baggage which Mrs. Charles C. Rumsey, formerly Mary Harriman, daughter of E. H. Harriman, railroad magnate, brought to America with her from Spain. They claim alleged discrepancies between her declaration and the contents of her trunks.

Greatest Girl Patriot



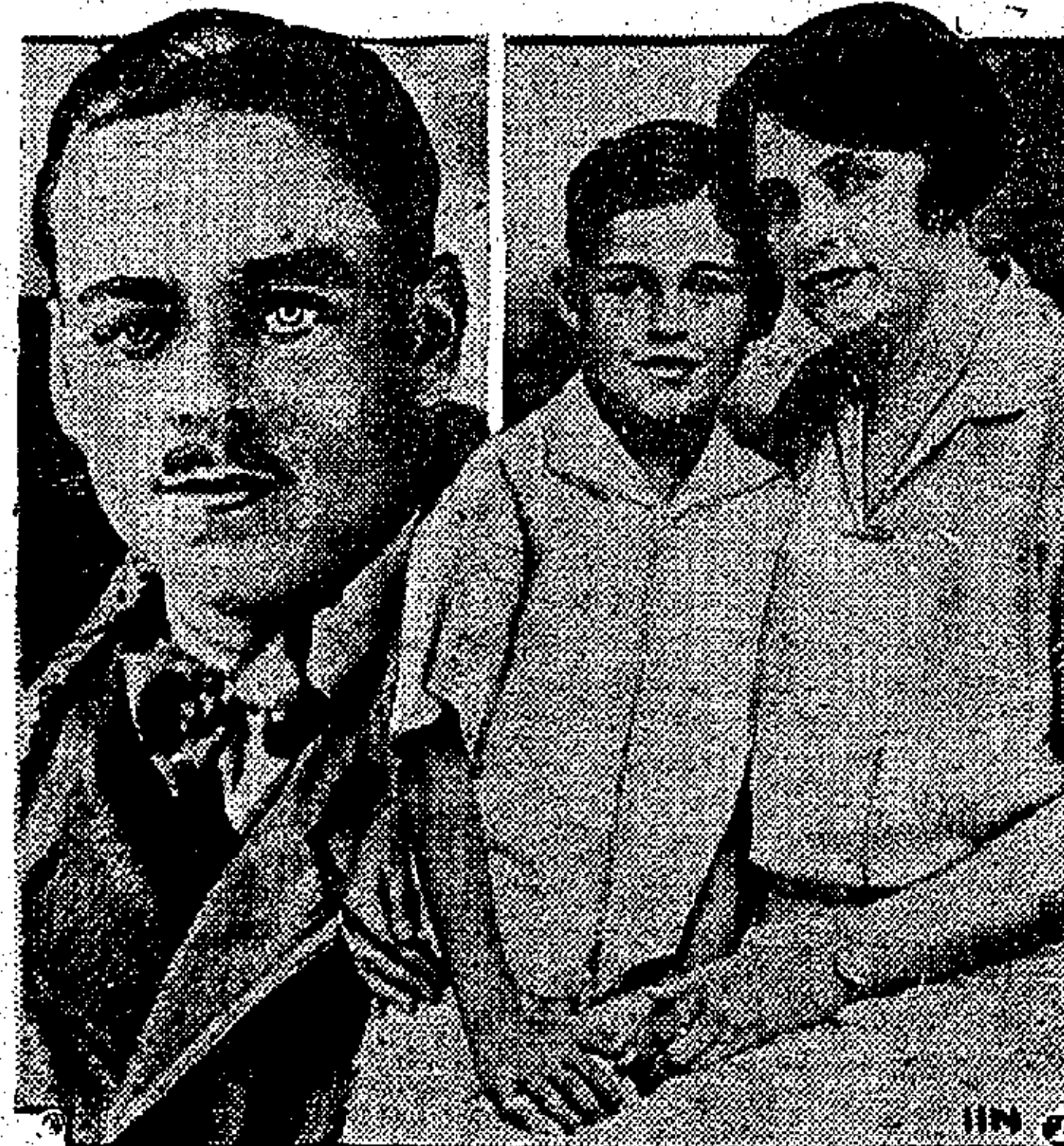
With her goal achieved, Miss Mary S. McGonigal of Troy, N.Y., exhibits the cross of honour, the highest decoration of the United States Flag Association, which she won in the national flag contest. Mary feels her winning is all so wonderful she's afraid she'll wake up to find it is all a dream.

Christens Train



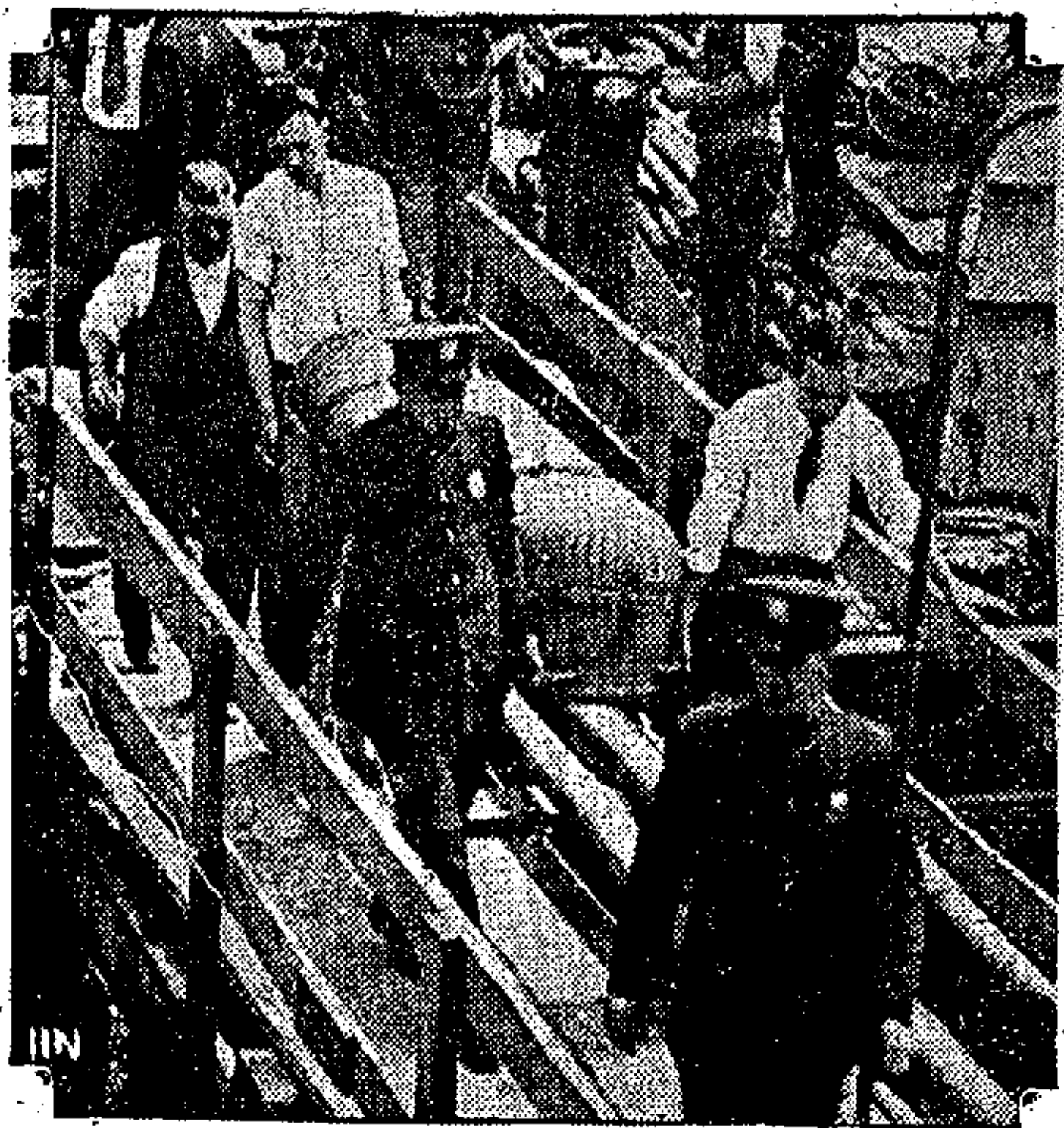
Pretty seventeen-year-old Wilma Stein, of Seattle, was chosen to represent and christen the "New Olympian," new crack train operating between Seattle and Chicago in 8 1/2 hours. The beauty and grace of Miss Stein are symbolic of the handsome lines of the new express, which she sent on its way with a parting message.

Flyer's Coolness



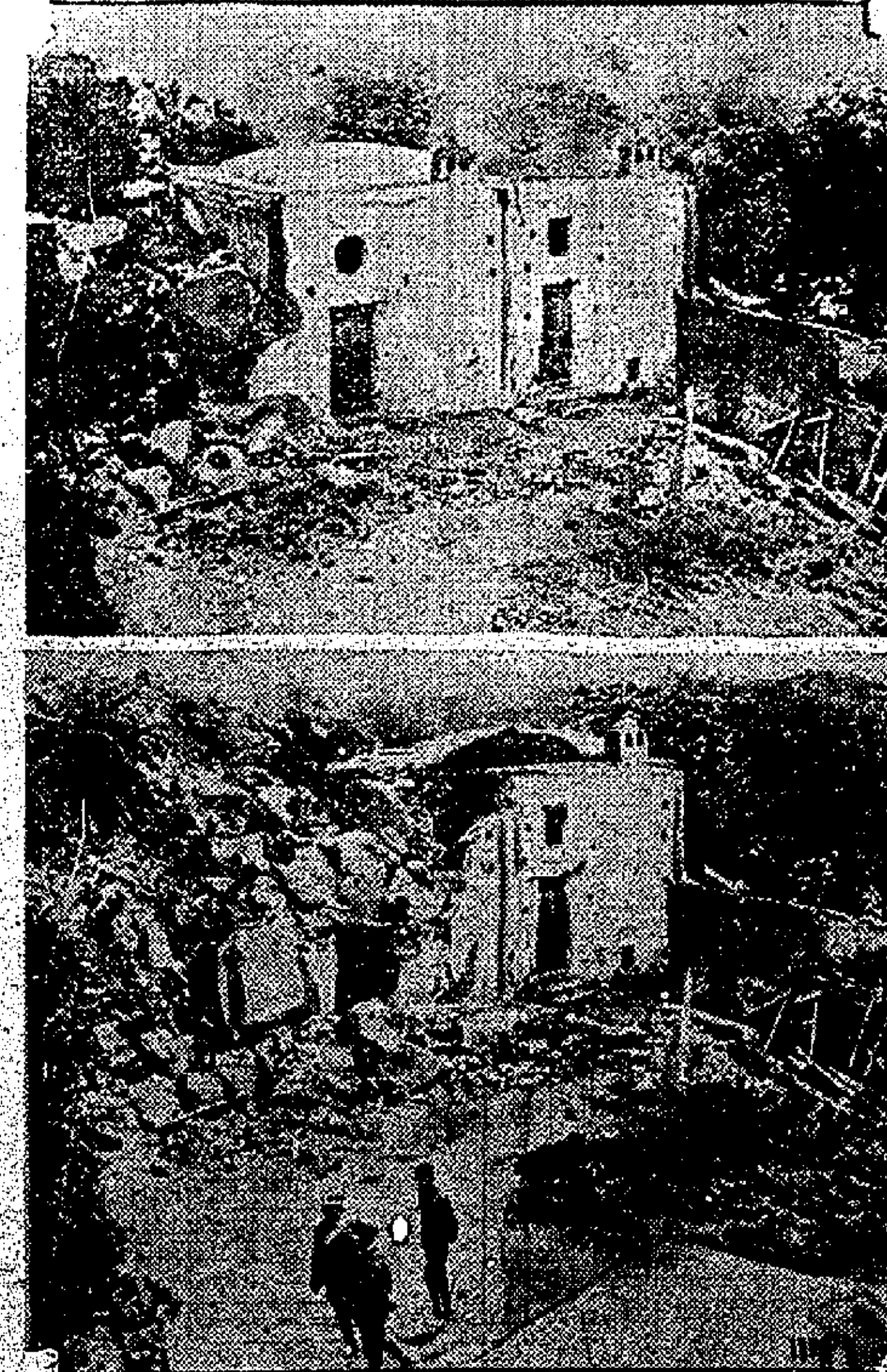
The calm courage and skill of Lee Hausinger, left, 23-year-old aviator of Galveston, Texas, is most commendable. The young flyer had as his passengers his sister, Mrs. D. A. Jung and her son, D. A. Jung, jun., right, when Hausinger noticed he had a damaged strut. Hastily instructing his sister about the controls, he swung out of the window to repair the damaged part, and with the help of Mrs. Jung, who had never been in the air before, was enabled to land the plane safely.

Six Dead, Six Injured in Blast



A compressed air blast at the Hackensack river calson on the Newark Avenue bridge at Jersey City, N. J., resulted in six workers being sucked up in the mud of the river. The body of one of the victims is shown above being removed from the scene of the horrible tragedy. Six men were also injured in the blast which is now being carefully investigated.

Vesuvius Plays Havoc



Above is a typical home in the peaceful little town of Terzigno, Italy, with the ever-threatening Mount Vesuvius in the background, while below is the same home in a mass of ruins after being engulfed by the swiftly moving red-hot lava during the recent violent eruption of the volcano. Considerable damage was done in the surrounding country and the loss of life was tremendous.

Chief of Police Shot



The long standing strike of mill workers at Gastonia, N. C., was brought to a crisis when O. F. Adderholt, Chief of Police of Gastonia, was shot dead in a gun battle in the city. Two other policemen who participated in the fight are said to be dying.

"Yellow Bird" Stowaway



There have been all sorts of air records made—the first trans-Atlantic hop, the first non-stop trans-Atlantic solo flight, the refueling endurance record of others, but the first non-stop trans-Atlantic plane to carry a stowaway was the French ship, "Yellow Bird," which took off from Old Orchard, Me., quite innocent of the fact that it carried Arthur Schreiber, 22-year-old Portland boy. Here is Arthur, being carried on the shoulders of an admiring throng upon the arrival of the plane at Le Bourget airport, France, where the boy was greeted with almost as much acclaim as the flyers, Lott, Assolant and Lefevre.

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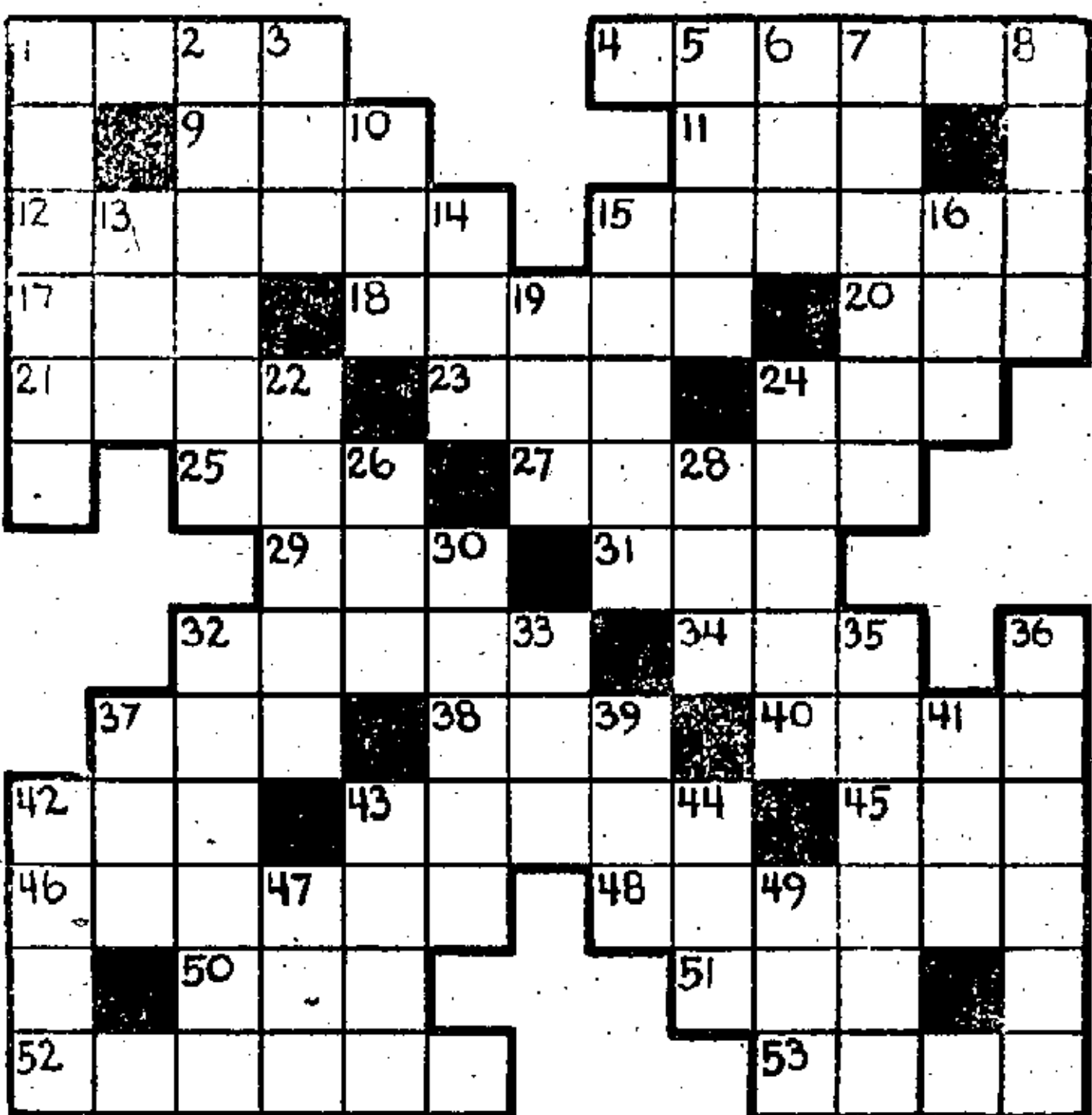
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, place, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL
1-Tuft of hair
4-To assemble
9-A small island
11-Golf term
12-Large city of China
15-Help
17-The beard of rye
18-Title of courtesy
21-Sediment
23-A breach
24-A food fish
25-Alighted
27-One who gives
28-To be tangled
31-To tear
32-A varnish gum
34-Prefix. For
37-Male child
38-Small bed
40-Girl's name
42-A egggy mass
43-A supple twig
45-Combining form.
Air

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
46-The European
ring-dove
48-N. W. State of the
U. S.
50-The fruiting part of
grain
51-Exist
52-Goes by
53-Pluck

VERTICAL
1-Locality
2-A kind of coal
3-An outfit of tools
5-An astrigent
6-Twisting of facial
muscles
7-The Trojan hero of
siege of Troy
8-Scarcely
10-Boy's name (short)
12-Reverential fear
13-To find fault
15-Quality affecting
sense of taste

VERTICAL (Cont.)
16-Suffix. Like
19-Pa
22-St. Peter's other
name
24-Dried coconut
kernel
26-To strike gently
28-To pinch
30-Implied by silence
32-Low-growing
thickets
33-Abraham's nephew
35-A wild ass of Asia
36-A red mineral
37-An old French coin.
38-And yet
41-Combining form.
New
42-A food fish
43-Article of the
same class
44-Time-period
47-Possessive
49-A unit of work

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



Mae Murray

INDIANS ASTOUNDED

SEE THEMSELVES ON
SCREEN

Chee Dodge, chief of the Navajos on the great reservation in Arizona and New Mexico, has lived to see a new miracle accomplished. He has seated himself before a white screen whereupon appeared his own image, living, breathing and dressed in the full splendour of his multi-coloured ceremonial robes, head dress and beaded leggings. About him were his tribesmen. The highest possible praise for the accomplishment came when Chee Dodge said, "That is good."

Chee Dodge and his Navajos of the region of the vast Canyon de Chelly, a red rock gorge that rivals the Grand Canyon of the Arizona, are being photographed as they have lived for ages, by a group of picture makers from Hollywood. A company sent in by Paramount, with Richard Dix in the starring role, is filming the Elizabeth Pickett story, "Redskin," in natural colour. Each day, as the test rushes are returned from the studios in Hollywood, the footage is shown in the mess tent of the location camp, which is 100 miles from the nearest railroad at Gallup, New Mexico. Chee Dodge and other head men of the tribe have been vastly interested spectators each time these rushes are shown. "Redskin" is being directed by Victor Schertzinger.

have wrecking antics and uses them to bring the story to a close that will mark "She Goes to War!" an epic production.

The picture was produced by Inspiration Pictures, Inc. in association with Victor and Edward Halperin.

Behind the Scenes in Hollywood

Hollywood—Sometimes it works. Sometimes it doesn't. If it does—great. If it doesn't—what're the odds?

Our story concerns an English comedian recently arrived in Hollywood. A certain studio desiring his services telephoned. He went over to talk business for a specific film and was greeted thus:

"I hear you want \$2,500 a picture," said the producer.

"Really?"

"That's too much."

"That's not enough."

"Why," bickered the producer, "I can get Ignatz Jones, whose name is five times bigger than yours, to play the part for \$2,000."

"Then get him," beamed the comic. "You're wasting my time." He got up to go.

"Wait a minute," soothed the producer. "What's your price for the picture?"

The comic meditated. Then: "Look! If you pay me a nickel for the part and I'm not worth a nickel, that's too much money. Right?" The producer nodded. "I'll tell you what I'll do with you—I'll gamble. I'll work ten weeks free. If you can find any three people in Hollywood who, at the end of that time, could play the part as well, I've worked for nothing. If you can't, you give me ten weeks' salary at \$5,000 a week. Agreed?"

Not by a long shot it wasn't! The comedian walked out a free man and to the best of his knowledge the rumour is absolutely true that Jackie Coogan has been engaged to substitute for Wallie Beery.

December 10 sees the arrival of Wesley Ruggles and Paul Scofield in New York, where they remain until the middle of January. Wes is the lad who will megaphone Paul Whitman's initial motion picture bow under the Universal banner and Paul is penning the story. Whitman has been reducing for the purpose of presenting a sylph-like form to the camera. He has lost ninety pounds and to-day weighs a paltry two hundred and fifty. When Wes and Paul return West they will be accompanied by Ferde Grofe, the wizard who prepares Whitman's scores. Grofe is too busy himself scoring the picture, which will be called after the song that has the best chance to become a hit. Whitman's initial musical celluloid may prove to be something of a sensational novelty. It will have as its only rival the production Famous Players is to make, "Rhapsody in Blue," by and with George Gershwin. Incidentally, Whitman's Carnegie Hall concert in New York on December 20 will be Movietoned and be included in his flicker.

"Peg" Talmadge, mother of Norma and Connie writes from Britain that she and Norma are seeing a bit of Europe whilst Connie completes her cinema in Nice. They join the youngest Talmadge early in December and then trail to Paris, where they will spend Christmas. They're not due back here until the end of January. Frances Goldwyn in light green and Lilian Tashman in red lunching at ye Montmartre. The male actors are going in for noisy shirts these days. Eddie Lowe flaunted a broad-casting pink one "other day." Jimmie Hall came through with a Shamrock green. It's getting so one's ears can't believe their eyes!



Alice White

OLD TAYLOR
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Ina Claire

WILLIAM POWELL

NOW ELEVATED TO
"STARDOM"

No longer will main titles on the screen read: "—with William Powell."

From now on, they're going to say: "William Powell in—"

As a reward for more than a score of notable performances during the past three and a half years, Paramount to-day announced the elevation of Powell to stardom.

The news was forthcoming from B. P. Schulberg, general manager of west coast production for Paramount, who stated that the new ranking goes into immediate effect, with the launching of production of "The Greene Murder Case."

In this new S. S. Van Dine mystery story, Powell will be starred as Philo Vance, scientific society detective, a sequel to the same role in "The Canary Murder Case."

What He Has Done
"Powell has given to the screen some truly remarkable performances," said Schulberg, "and he has built up a big following that induced us to accord him starring laurels. Powell will go far on the talking screen."

Powell joined Paramount three and a half years ago, following his performance in a picture called "Too Many Kisses," starring Richard Dix. Since, he has appeared in twenty-four productions, among them having been "Beau Geste," "The Last Command," "The Drag Net," "Forgotten Faces," "Interference," "The Canary Murder Case," "The Four Feathers" and the newly-completed "The Marriage Holiday."

FOR HOLLYWOOD

FIGHT "WHOOPEE" GIRLS
WANTED

Hollywood is being scoured for eight girls who can shout "Whoopie!", snap their fingers, clap their hands and tap their heels on the floor in the best giggle water manner, but who at the same time must be little ladies of a select girl's school. The eight modern maidens are wanted for hey-hay parts in Clara Bow's picture for Paramount, "The Wild Party."

The Hollywood studio is understood to have scouts out each evening throughout the apartment house districts, the duty of these lieutenants being to listen in for sounds of revelry as they pass brightly lighted windows. Every time they hear an especially musical demimure voice lifted in yips of gaiety, the scout rushes the party and invites the fair merry maker to the studio for a microphone test.

"The Wild Party," by the author of "Flaming Youth," Warner Fabian, is to be directed by Dorothy Arzner. E. Lloyd Sheldon wrote the adaptation.

SILENT FILM SLUMP

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The slump in silent films since the appearance of the "talkies" was reflected at an animated first annual meeting of Whitehall Films Limited, whose studio was reputed to be the finest in Europe, possibly the finest in the world. The accounts showed a loss of \$31,000.

General Sir Edward Bethune, presiding, said that not only had the operation of the Films Quota Act in the first stages handicapped rather than helped British pictures by causing a rush on production but the talking picture momentarily had a disastrous effect on the commercial value of the silent picture. They ascertained that their studios were convertible for the "talkies" and the company was now getting on firmer ground.

A shareholder's motion to wind up the business was withdrawn after keen discussion.

AN EPIC DRAMA

REVEALED IN "SHE GOES TO WAR"

Bringing to the screen a decidedly new phase of army activity resultant from the World War and a story international in its appeal, Henry King, with his production, "She Goes to War!", shatters many traditions heretofore acceptable in motion picture entertainment.

King has had the courage to produce a motion picture with the World War as its background after many other war films had been made and exhibited. But he was encouraged to direct "She Goes to War!" because of the fact that the women's side of the gigantic conflict had never been told.

Aside from the many dramatic highlights visualised in this production which is the main are most authentic, he pictures with a most vigorous sweep, the extreme hardships and sacrifices which became daily the routine of the women who went overseas and of whom little has been said.

King was confronted with hundreds of obstacles prior to the starting of the production. Every scene, every "prop," everything in fact connected with the filming of this Rupert Hughes story must, of necessity, be genuine. There were, too, many men and women throughout the world, directly associated with war work, who were in "on the know" as regards things of wartime nature.

Research Work

Months of research were necessary. More than two thousand volumes of war data were perused, foreign as well as American. For the production with its release through United Artists is destined to be distributed to the four corners of the earth and there must be no cause for undue criticism as regards costumes, customs and the like.

His story details the impelling adventures and splendid romance of a youthful American miss of social prominence and political influence who tried to attain the utmost personal glory and still serve her country at a time when war was at white heat.

And as we follow this girl through her adventures we are brought to the realisation that the women who went overseas worked just as hard as the boys at the front; suffered as they suffered; endured the hardships of the doughboys; braved untold dangers, carried on their work to completion and in many instances died as heroines.

In broadcasting the picture, Henry King selected Eleanor Boardman to enact the leading feminine role. It marks Miss Boardman's first "free-lance" engagement and her work in the entire production thus far filmed is claimed to be by those who have witnessed the rushes, the best of her long and successful career.

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John Holland, newcomer to the screen and incidentally a chap brought to light by Henry King, in the leading male role brings to the film fans a refreshing personality and one destined for great things in pictures.

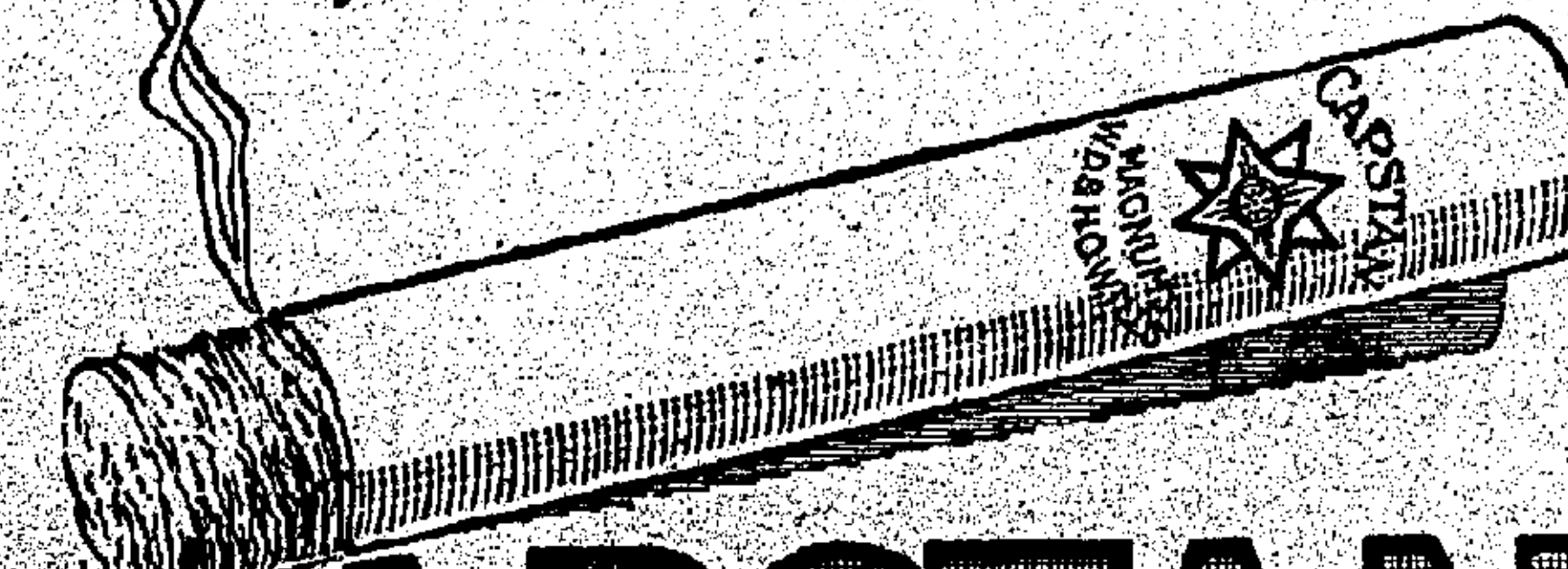
Al St. John, whose humorous antics have been the source of much pleasure to old and young alike, shoulders the responsibility for the comedy highlights — and aside from this reveals some dramatic touches that sparkle.

Among the other players in the cast are such well known names and favourites as Margaret Seddon and Eulalie Jensen.

Aside from the numerous human touches in the production, for which Henry King is justly famous, he presents a climax that is most awe inspiring as well as being one of the most gigantic exposures ever conceived for a motion picture. He reveals the largest engines of war in all their military splendour and that sparkle.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per
FRIDAY, JULY 19.	
Sandakan	Norviken
SATURDAY, JULY 20.	
Calcutta and Straits	Takliwa
U.S.A. (Seattle, 29th June), Canada, Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, 29th June)	President Jefferson
Shanghai	Alipore
SUNDAY, JULY 21.	
Straits	Hakusan Maru
MONDAY, JULY 22.	
Manila	President McKinley
Canada (Victoria, B.C., 4th July), U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Empress of France
TUESDAY, JULY 23.	
Amoy	Tilawa
Calcutta and Straits	Namsang
Straits	Namsang
Japan	Aki Maru

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per
FRIDAY, JULY 19.	
Formosa	Havana 3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Ming 4.30 p.m.
Tourane	Chung Kong 5 p.m.
Shanghai	Philoctetes
	Registration July 19, 5 p.m.
	Letters July 19, 6 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Khiva (Due Marseilles, 17th Aug.) G.P.O.
K.P.O.	
Parcels July 19, 4 p.m.	Parcels July 19, 5 p.m.
Registration July 20, 9 a.m.	Registration July 20, 9.45 a.m.
Letters July 20, 10 a.m.	Letters July 20, 10.30 a.m.
SATURDAY, JULY 20.	
Straits and Calcutta	Hosang
	Parcels July 20, noon
	Letters July 20, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	Alipore 3 p.m.
Manila	President Jefferson 4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Kung Chow 5 p.m.
SUNDAY, JULY 21.	
Bangkok via Swatow	Kalgan 9 a.m.
Amoy	Kanchow 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru 9 a.m.
MONDAY, JULY 22.	
Shanghai and Japan	Hakusan Maru 10.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Hinsang 1.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea 2.30 p.m.
Wei Hai Wei via Swatow	Huichow 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via Victoria, B.C.	President McKinley (Due Victoria, B.C., 12th Aug.)
	Parcels July 22, 5 p.m.
	Registration July 23, 5 p.m.
	Letters July 23, 8.30 a.m.

* Superscribed correspondence only.

FLORIDA BANKS

STRANGE EXPLANATIONS AS TO FAILURES

DESTRUCTIVE FLY

Tampa, Fla., Yesterday.
The Florida Bank failures are largely due to invasions of the Mediterranean fruit fly on the State's citrus crop.

Directors of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Tampa with branches in the citrus regions, state that the trouble is due to "unwise gossip in continued adverse conditions, following the appearance of the Mediterranean fruit fly, which is responsible for a feeling of unrest and fear."

The State Comptroller agrees that the ravages of the fly have accentuated the financial depression.

Florida prohibitionists attribute the introduction of the fly to rum-runners from the Bahamas.

President Hoover has allotted \$900,000 to combat the fly, and a general quarantine has been declared against Florida fruit.—Reuter.

CAR COLLISION

FILM MAGNATE BADLY INJURED

CHAUFFEUR KILLED

New York, Yesterday.
A small car containing three women collided on Long Island with a Rolls Royce containing William Fox, the film magnate, and his friend, Mr. J. L. Rothenstein.

The women were not hurt but Fox and Rothenstein were seriously hurt. Fox's chauffeur was killed.

Mr. Fox was sent to hospital, and operated upon for blood transfusion. Mr. Carroll Nash, a New York actor, supplying the blood.

The girl driver of the colliding car was found not to have a licence, and she was arrested.—Reuter.

Fox Improves Later.

The condition of Fox has markedly improved.—Reuter's American Service.

BANGKOK-LONDON

INAUGURATION OF CHEAP WIRELESS SERVICE

Bangkok, July 10.
A direct wireless service between Bangkok and London is being opened. The route will be used by the Telegraph Administration for all telegrams for Great Britain unless otherwise specified by the sender.

The rate for ordinary cables, via Mouline is 1/60 and for the new wireless service the ordinary rate will be 1/10 per word.—Straits Times.

COLLIERY DISASTER

GALLANT EFFORTS AT RESCUE FAIL

Rugby, July 10.
Eight lives were lost to-day in an explosion at Milfron Colliery, Blaenavon, South Wales. About 60 men were working in the pit at the time. Four were killed outright and four others trapped below. Hope of rescue was abandoned only after the gallant efforts of rescue parties had been frustrated by poisonous gases and falls of roof.—British Wireless Service.

Unrest is reported in the ranks of employees of the Pootung branch of the Japan-China Cotton Mill, the workers demanding the dismissal of two Japanese foremen. An appeal to their union officials and to the Social Affairs Bureau and the Kuomintang has been made by the workers.

SENSATIONAL AFFAIR IN VIENNA

SMART SENTRY

CHANCELLOR HAS REVOLVER POINTED AT HIM

UNEMPLOYED MAN'S ACTION

Vienna, Yesterday.
An attempt by a man to fire a revolver as Chancellor Stresemann was entering his office this morning was frustrated by a sentry knocking the revolver from his hand and arresting him.

The man, who is named Anton Leitner, an unemployed tailor, had been in a mental home at Duesseldorf. He apparently mistook the Chancellor for the President, to whom he has conceived is responsible for unemployment. Consequently he had decided to remove him.—Reuter.

Degrees

Temperature, 10 a.m., to-day 82

Temperature, 4 p.m., yesterday 88

Humidity, 10 a.m., to-day 88

Humidity, 4 p.m., yesterday 74

PRINCE MAHIDOL

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS OF ROYAL PATIENT

Bangkok, July 10.
H.R.H. Prince Mahidol, the heir to the Throne of Siam, has made such satisfactory progress from his illness that it was announced to-day no further bulletins would be issued.—Straits Times.

MUSSOLINI

TO VISIT LONDON AT END OF JULY

London, July 11.
The "Daily Express" states that Signor Mussolini, the Italian Dictator, hopes to pay an informal visit to London at the end of July to the International Aero Exhibition at Olympia.—"Singapore Free Press."

CAN'T TAX ROUGE

"LADIES MUST MAKE UP" MERCHANT'S VERDICT

Shanghai, July 13.
In a lengthy petition to the Nationalist ministry of finance, merchants of Shanghai to-day asked the repeal of the cosmetics consumption tax.

The petition contained scores of arguments, but was summed up in one merchant's pithy phrase that "ladies must make up."

The merchants made their protests so vociferous that the finance ministry to-day ordered the suspension of the collection of the cosmetics tax pending final action by the Nationalist government.—Associated Press.

Thieves broke into the Film House, Sydney, Australia, and stole \$2,300, the night's takings of five cinemas.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR

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BRITISH DELEGATES TO VISIT JAPAN

INCLUDE EX-LORD CHANCELLOR

London, Yesterday.

It is officially announced that the British delegation to the conference of the Institute for Pacific Relations at Kyoto in October will be headed by Lord Hailsham, the ex-Lord Chancellor, and will also include Mr. Lionel Curtis, the founder of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, Dame Edith Lytton, one of the British delegates to the League of Nations Assembly, Professor Arnold (Toynbee) members of the British delegation to the Versailles Peace Conference, the Hon. Hugh Wyndham (acting Secretary of the Royal Institute), and several others, including Mr. William Turner, Reuter's chief representative in the Far East, Mr. Archibald Rose, formerly in the British Consular service in China, Mr. Hardy Jowett, of Peking, and Professor Hudson, of the Imperial University at Tokyo.—Reuter.

FREE TRADE

LORD BEAVERBROOK'S NEW CAMPAIGN

London, July 8

A campaign to abolish trade barriers between the Mother Country and the rest of the Empire has been initiated in Lord Beaverbrook's newspapers, and is attracting considerable interest. The keynote of the campaign is: "Wherever the British flag flies, British produce and manufactures should be carried in British ships without restriction or hindrance. A barrier should be raised against the foreigner until he pleads for economic admittance into the greatest Free Trade unit the world has seen."

The "Daily Express" states that a new political movement has been born, and Empire crusaders will carry the cause into the constituencies. Mr. Amery, the former Dominions Secretary, stated in an interview that he was wholeheartedly in favour of the general idea, but he does not think Free Trade within the Empire is practical.

It is significant that Lord Beaverbrook, who was recently suggested as a successor to Mr. Baldwin, is now launching a "Minority Party."—"Straits Times."

SUBMARINE L12

PETTY OFFICER'S MIRACULOUS ESCAPE

Rugby, July 10.
Diver Bell, a very experienced deep sea diver, has been taken off the battle-cruiser Renown by the destroyer Torrid, but the sea is rough and unsuitable for diving operations. In any case the depth of 300 feet at which H47 lies makes it doubtful if a diver could reach it.

Petty Officer Hicks, who was saved from H47, was shot off by the force of the collision, and as he sank grasped a stay wire of L12. Although carried down several fathoms he was still hanging on when L12 returned to the surface.

The King has sent an expression of his deep grief at the disaster to the Admiralty, and conveys his heartfelt sympathy to the relatives of the 24 dead.—British Wireless Service.

"SOUTHERN CROSS"

CONGRATULATIONS OF AIR MINISTRY

Rugby, July 10.
Flight-Lieut. Uln was the navigator of the machine, Mr. McWilliams mechanic and Mr. Litchfield wireless operator. The airman left Rome on the last stage of their 12,000 mile flight and arrived punctually at Croydon where a large, cheering crowd awaited them.

Air-Marshal Sir Sefton Branker conveyed the congratulations of the Air Ministry, and declared that the flight would encourage support of a passenger air service to Australia. Squadron-Leader Smith said he considered such a service quite feasible.

Great interest was shown in the Southern Cross, in which Smith and Uln made the first trans-Pacific flight and have since made other remarkable trips. One of the objects of the visit to England is to superintend the erection of a fleet of British triple-engine Avro-Lynx monoplane fitted with three Armstrong-Siddeley engines, which Squadron-Leader Smith has ordered for operating an air service along the east coast of Australia.—British Wireless Service.

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